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A. FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO)

Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Chanterelles¹ (Steps 5/8)

8. MARKING OR LABELLING

8.1 CONSUMER PACKAGES

In addition to the requirements of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1- 1985), the following specific provisions apply:

8.1.1 Nature of Produce

If the produce is not visible from the outside, each package shall be labelled as to the common name of the produce.

8.1.2. Mixtures

In the case of a mixture of chanterelles of distinctly different species, common names of each species should be indicated. If the country of origin or size of each distinctly different species is different, they should be indicated near the name of the species concerned.

8.2 NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside, or in the documents accompanying the shipment.

8.2.1 Identification

Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. Identification code (optional).

8.2.2 Nature of Produce

Common name of the produce if the contents are not visible from the outside. Botanical name of species (optional).

¹ REP13/EURO para. and Appendix II

8.2.3. Mixtures

In the case of a mixture of chanterelles of distinctly different species, common names of each species should be indicated. If the country of origin or size of each distinctly different species is different, they should be indicated near the name of the species concerned.

8.2.4 Origin of Produce

Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name of the species presented.

8.2.5 Commercial Identification

- Class;
- Size (if sized), expressed as minimum and maximum diameters of the cap in cm;
- Net weight (optional).

8.2.6 Official Inspection Mark (optional)

B. Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)

Draft Standard for Smoked Fish, Smoke-Flavoured Fish and Smoke-Dried Fish² (Step 8)

7. LABELLING

In addition to the provisions of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985) the following specific provisions apply.

7.1 Name of the Food

The name of the food must be “smoked X” if treated by the processes described in paragraph 2.1, “smoke flavoured X” if treated by the processes described in paragraph 2.2, “smoke-dried X” if treated by the processes described in paragraph 2.3, X being the common or commercial name of the species of fish used in accordance with the law or customs of the country in which the food is sold, so as not to mislead the consumer.

7.2 Additional labelling

Countries where the product is sold can determine whether the use of regenerated smoke must be indicated on the label.

7.3 Storage and Handling Instructions

The label shall declare storage and handling instructions appropriate for the product.

7.4 Labelling of Non-retail Containers

Information specified above shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container.

However, the name and address of the manufacturer or packer may be replaced by an identification mark (e.g., plant approval number) provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

² REP13/FFP para. 40 and Appendix III

Draft Standard for Live Abalone and for Raw Fresh Chilled or Frozen Abalone for Direct Consumption or for Further Processing³ (Step 8)

PART I – LIVE ABALONE

I-7 LABELLING

In addition to the provisions of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods*(CODEX STAN 1-1985) the following specific provisions apply:

I-7.1 The Name of the Food

The name of the food to be declared on the label shall be the common or usual name of the species of abalone in accordance with the law and custom of the country in which the food is sold and in a manner not to mislead the consumer.

I-7.1.1 There shall appear on the label, reference to the presentation (provided for in Section I-2.3-Presentation) in close proximity to the name of the product in such descriptive terms that will adequately and fully describe the nature of the presentation of the product to avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

I-7.1.2 In addition to the specified labelling designations above, the usual or common trade names of the variety may be added so long as it is not misleading to the consumer in the country in which the product will be distributed.

I-7.1.3 The country where the product is sold can determine if the scientific name must be indicated on the label.

I-7.2 Content Declaration

Live abalone shall be labelled by weight, count, volume per package or count per unit weight as appropriate to the product.

I-7.3 Storage Instructions

The label shall specify the conditions for storage and/or temperature that will maintain the product quality/viability during transportation, storage and distribution.

I-7.4 Labelling of Non-retail Containers

Information specified above shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the food, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer as well as storage instructions shall always appear on the container.

However, lot identification, and the name and address may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

I-7.5 The durability or shelf life may be required in the country where the product is sold. Date of minimum durability may be replaced by the statement “Abalone must be alive when sold to the final consumer.

PART II – RAW FRESH CHILLED OR FROZEN ABALONE

II-7 LABELLING

In addition to the provisions of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985) the following specific provisions apply:

II-7.1 The Name of the Food

The name of the food to be declared on the label shall be the common or usual name of the species of abalone in accordance with the law and custom of the country in which the food is sold and in a manner not to mislead the consumer.

³ REP13/FFP para. 83 and Appendix IV

II-7.1.1 There shall appear on the label, reference to the presentation (provided for in Section II-2.3-Presentation) in close proximity to the name of the product in such descriptive terms that will adequately and fully describe the nature of the presentation of the product to avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

II-7.1.2 In addition to the specified labelling designations above, the usual or common trade names of the variety may be added so long as it is not misleading to the consumer in the country in which the product will be distributed.

II-7.1.3 The country where the product is sold can determine if the scientific name must be indicated on the label.

II-7.2 Content Declaration

Raw fresh chilled or frozen abalone shall be labelled by weight, count, count per unit weight, or volume as appropriate to the product.

Where the frozen food has been glazed, the declaration of the net weight of the food shall be exclusive of the glaze.

II-7.3 Storage Instructions

The label shall specify the conditions for storage and/or temperature that will maintain the product safety/quality during transportation, storage and distribution including date of minimum durability and date of shucking where required in the country of sale.

II-7.4 Labelling of non-retail containers

Information specified above shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the food, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer as well as storage instructions shall always appear on the container.

However, lot identification, and the name and address may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.”

Draft Standard for Raw, Fresh and Quick Frozen Scallop Products⁴ (Step 6)

7. LABELLING

In addition to the provisions of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985) the following specific provisions apply:

7.1 Name of the Food

The name of the product shall be:

7.1.1 Scallop Meat or Roe-on Scallops

“X scallops” if it conforms with the product description outlined in 2.1.1 or

7.1.2 Scallop Meat, or roe-on scallops, with Added Water

“ X scallops with added water’, ‘Preparation of X scallops with added water’, or a like name as allowed in the country of sale, which differentiates the product from scallop meat and is not misleading to the consumer if it conforms with the product description outlined in 2.1.2.

“X” in 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 being the common or usual name of the species of scallops according to the law, custom and practice in the country in which the product is to be distributed in a manner not to mislead the consumer.

⁴ REP13/FFP para. 68 and Appendix IX

7.1.3 In addition to the name identified in 7.1.1 and 7.1.2, the product shall be identified by common and/or scientific names as determined by the competent authority. The country where the product is sold can determine if the scientific name must be indicated on the label.

7.2 There shall appear on the label, reference to the forms of presentation described in section 2.3, in close proximity to the name of the product in such descriptive terms that will adequately and fully describe the nature of the presentation to avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

7.3 Water added as an ingredient to scallop products shall be declared in the list of ingredient* and the percentages of scallop meat and percentage of added water shall clearly appear on the label.

7.4 Net Contents (Glazed Products)

Where the food has been glazed the declaration of net contents shall be exclusive of the glaze.

*As prescribed in section 4.2.1.5 and 5.1.2 in the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985)

C. Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Draft revised Standard for Avocado⁵(Step 8)

6. MARKING OR LABELLING

6.1 Consumer Packages

In addition to the requirements of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985), the following specific provisions apply:

- 6.1.1 Nature of Produce

If the produce is not visible from the outside, each package shall be labelled as to the name of the produce and may be labelled as to name of the variety.

6.2 Non-retail Containers

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside, or in the documents accompanying the shipment. For produce transported in bulk, these particulars must appear on a document accompanying the goods.

6.2.1 Identification

Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. Identification code (optional)*.

6.2.2 Nature of Produce

Name of the produce if the contents are not visible from the outside. Name of the variety (optional).

6.2.3 Origin of Produce

Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.

6.2.4 Commercial Identification

- Class;
- Size expressed in minimum and maximum weight in grams or by number (by count);
- Net weight (optional).

* The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the name and address. However, in the case where a code mark is used, the reference "packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)" has to be indicated in close connection with the code mark.

Draft Standard for Pomegranate⁶(Step 8)

⁵ REP13/FFV, Appendix II

6. MARKING OR LABELLING

6.1 Consumer Packages

In addition to the requirements of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985), the following specific provisions apply:

6.1.1 Nature of Produce

If the produce is not visible from the outside, each package shall be labelled as to the name of the produce and may be labelled as to name of the variety, class, size (if sized) expressed in accordance with any one of the following methods: count, size code and range, size range.

6.2 Non-retail Containers

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside, or in the documents accompanying the shipment.

6.2.1 Identification

Name and address of exporter, packer and/or dispatcher. Identification code (optional)*.

6.2.2 Nature of Produce

Name of the produce if the contents are not visible from the outside. Name of the variety (where appropriate).

6.2.3 Origin of Produce

Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.

6.2.4 Commercial Identification

- Class;
- Size (if sized) expressed in accordance with any one of the following methods:
 - Count,
 - Size code and range,
 - Size range.
- Net weight (optional).

* The national legislation of a number of countries requires the explicit declaration of the name and address. However, in the case where a code mark is used, the reference “packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)” has to be indicated in close connection with the code mark.

D. Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV)

Proposed Draft Standard for Table Olives (CODEX STAN 66-1981)⁷(Steps 5/8)

8. LABELLING

8.1 LABELLING OF RETAIL CONTAINERS

The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

8.1.1 Name of the Product

8.1.1.1 The name of the product shall be “olives” or “table olives”.

⁶ REP13/FFV, Appendix III

⁷ REP13/PFV para. 38 and Appendix II

8.1.1.2 The following shall be included as part of the name of the product or shall appear in close proximity thereto:

8.1.1.2.1 The type of olive as described in Section 2.2.1. This may be replaced by the terms in use in the country of retail sale. This declaration shall not be compulsory on transparent packs.

8.1.1.2.2 The trade preparation as described in Section 2.2.2. This may be replaced by the trade preparation in use in the country of retail sale.

8.1.1.2.3 The style as described in Section 2.4. This declaration may be limited to the declarations in use in the country of retail sale; it may be omitted on glass jars and plastic sachets. In the case of stuffed olives the style of stuffing shall be specified:

- "olives stuffed with ..." (single or combination of single ingredients);

- "olives stuffed with ... paste" (single or combination of ingredients).

8.1.1.2.4 If the olives are presented in accordance with the provisions on other styles (Section 2.5), the label should contain in close proximity to the name of the product such additional words or phrases that will avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

8.1.1.2.5 The size of "whole", "stoned (pitted)", "stuffed" and "halved" olives. The size may be declared according to existing practice in the country of retail sale; this declaration shall not be compulsory on transparent packs.

8.1.1.2.6 The trade category (Optional).

8.1.1.2.7 The name of the variety (Optional).

8.2 LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

E. FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA)

Proposed Draft Regional Standard For Non-Fermented Soybean Products⁸(Step 5)

8. LABELLING

8.1 The product covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the latest edition of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985).

8.2 If genetically modified soybean is used in the process, it shall be indicated in the label in accordance with national legislation.

8.3 If the product is meant to be sold as vegetarian food, the type of oil and fat added should be indicated with regards to its origin.

8.4 The Name of the Product

The product should be designated with the appropriate term in section 2.2 or other names in accordance with the composition and the law and custom of the country in which the product is sold and in the manner not to mislead the consumer.

⁸ REP13/ASIA para. 109 and Appendix III

Proposed Draft Regional Standard For Tempe⁹ (Septs 5/8)**7. LABELLING**

7.1. The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepacked Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985)

7.2 Name of the product

The name of the product to be shown on the label shall be "Tempe".

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East (CCNEA)***Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Date Paste (Near East)¹⁰*****9. Labelling**

The product shall be labelled in accordance with the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985, Rev. 2010), with the additional provisions that the label shall not be placed directly on the date paste, and that the following information shall appear on the container:

9.1 the name of variety and, if more than one varieties of dates have been used, the names of each variety.

F. Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses***Draft Guidelines on Formulated Complementary Foods for Older Infants and Young Children (Step 8)¹¹*****10. LABELLING**

10.1 It is recommended that the labelling of Formulated Complementary Foods for Older Infants and Young Children be in accordance with the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of and Claims for Prepackaged Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CODEX STAN 146-1985), the Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims (CAC/GL 23-1997) and the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2-1985).

10.2 The following mandatory provisions should apply:

10.2.1 The Name of the Food

The name of the food to be declared on the label shall indicate that the food is a Formulated Complementary Food for Older Infants and Young Children. The appropriate designation indicating the true nature of the food should be in accordance with national legislation. The major sources of protein and the age from which the product is recommended for use shall appear in close proximity to the name of the food.

10.2.2 List of Ingredients

The list of ingredients shall be declared in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985).

10.2.3 Declaration of Nutritive Value

The declaration of energy and nutrients on the label or in labelling shall contain the following information expressed per 100 grammes of the Formulated Complementary Food as sold or otherwise distributed as well as per feeding of the food ready for consumption:

- (a) energy value, expressed in kilocalories and kilojoules;
- (b) the amounts of protein, carbohydrates and fat, expressed in grammes;

⁹ REP13/ASIA para. 125 and Appendix II

¹⁰ REP13/NEA para. 89 and Appendix III

¹¹ REP13/NFSDU, Appendix II

(c) in addition to any other nutritional information required by national legislation, the total quantity *per feeding* of the *Formulated Complementary Food ready for consumption* of each vitamin and mineral added in accordance with Section 6.6, expressed in metric units.

10.2.4 Instructions for use

10.2.4.1 The label should indicate clearly from which age the product is recommended for use. This age shall not be less than six months for any product. In addition, the label shall include a statement indicating that the decision when precisely to introduce formulated complementary feeding, including any exception to six months of age, should be made in consultation with a health worker, based on the individual infant's specific growth and development needs. Additional requirements in this respect may be made in accordance with the legislation of the country in which the product is sold.

10.2.4.2 Directions as to the preparation and use of the food shall be given; preferably accompanied by graphical presentations.

10.2.4.3 The suggested number of feedings per day should be indicated.

10.2.4.4 In the case that addition of water is needed, the directions for the preparation shall include a precise statement that:

(a) where the food contains non-heat-processed basic ingredients, the food must be adequately boiled in a prescribed amount of water;

(b) where the food contains heat-processed basic ingredients:

(i) the food requires boiling, or

(ii) can be mixed with boiled water that has been cooled.

10.2.4.5 For Formulated Complementary Foods to which fats, sugars or other digestible carbohydrates should be added during preparation, the instructions for use shall identify appropriate sources and indicate the amounts of the ingredients to be added. In such situations, fats and oils with an appropriate essential fatty acid ratio should be recommended.

10.2.4.6 Directions for use shall include a statement that only an amount of food sufficient for one feeding occasion should be prepared at one time. Foods not consumed during the feeding occasion should be discarded, unless consumed within a period as recommended by the manufacturer under the instructions for use.

10.2.4.7 The label should also include a statement that Formulated Complementary Foods are to be consumed to complement family foods and breastmilk/breastmilk substitutes.

11. Additional Requirements:

The products covered by these Guidelines are not breastmilk substitutes and shall not be presented as such.