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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE PRIORITY LIST FOR THE STANDARDIZATION OF PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: Republic of Korea and International Frozen Food Association (IFFA)

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Background

The 30th CAC adopted the Proposed Draft Standard for Ginseng at step 5 as Draft Regional Standard for further elaboration by the CCASIA with a view to finalization as regional standard and reminded the Executive Committee's commitment to develop policies concerning regional standards including their conversion into world-wide standards (*ALINORM 07/30/REP para.84*).

The 31st CAC adopted the Proposed Procedures for Conversion of Regional Standards into Worldwide Standards for inclusion in part 5 of the Elaboration Procedures of the Procedural Manual (*ALINORM 08/31/REP, para.20*), as described as below;

Subsequent Procedure Concerning Publication and Possible Extension of Territorial Application of the Standard

It is open to the Commission to consider at any time the possible extension of the territorial application of a Codex Regional Standard or its conversion into a Worldwide Codex Standard.

- (a) *A request to convert a regional standard into a worldwide standard may arise immediately after adoption of the regional standard at Step 8, or some time thereafter.*
- (b) *The conversion of a regional standard into a worldwide standard may contemplate the following situations as per status of the relevant commodity committee:*
 - (i) *When the relevant commodity committee is active: Requests for conversion of a regional standard into a worldwide standard should preferably be made by the commodity committee concerned, substantiated by a Project Document.....*

The 32nd CAC adopted the Draft Standard for Ginseng Products at Step 8 as a regional standard (*ALINORM 09/32/REP, para.26, APPENDIX*).

Recommendation

Ginseng is one of the major agricultural products grown across the world. The global consumption has been gradually increasing, and various types of Ginseng products are distributed and consumed in most countries. The trade volume of Ginseng Products has been gradually increasing for the last 5 years, and the annual export volume of main producers (USA, China, EU, Japan, and Republic of Korea) is estimated more than USD 250 million.

Although consumer demand and global trade scale of Ginseng products have risen to a significant level, there is no appropriate international standard for these products yet.

As it is seen as necessary to develop worldwide standard for Ginseng Products, Republic of Korea, therefore, would like to propose converting regional standard for Ginseng Products into worldwide standard as laid out in the Procedural Manual. We believe the relevant commodity committee as stated above is the CCPFV.

Republic of Korea invites the CCPFV to support that conversion of regional standard for Ginseng Products into worldwide standard should be included in the work priority list of CCPFV with respect to matters of an urgent nature.

Additionally, the CCPFV is also invited to support Republic of Korea to submit discussion paper on the conversion into worldwide standard for Ginseng Products to the next session (26th) of CCPFV.

IFFA

Regarding the proposed amendments to the priority list, IFFA requests that *Quick Frozen Broccoli* be removed from the list as there no longer appears to be support for initiating work on a standard in the future.

Again, IFFA appreciates this opportunity to present comments to the committee and stands willing to provide any additional information and/or clarification, as needed.