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CONSIDERATION OF LABELLING PROVISIONS IN DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS
(ENDORSEMENT)

(CCFFV, CCASIA, CCNE, CCSCH)

Background

According to the Procedural Manual¹, Codex general subject committees, CCFL inclusive, may establish general provisions on matters within their terms of reference. These general provisions should only be incorporated into Commodity Standards by reference unless there is a need for doing otherwise.

The Procedural Manual also states that: “the Commodity committees shall refer any exemptions from, or additions to, the reference to the *General standard for the labelling of prepackaged foods* (CXS 1-1985) as indicated in the section on food labelling in the *Format for Codex Commodity Standards* to the Committee on Food Labelling for endorsement”.

Furthermore, the labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with *the General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods* (CXS 346 –2021). The section may also contain provisions which are exemptions from, additions to, or which are necessary for the interpretation of the General Standard in respect of the product concerned provided that these can be justified fully.²

Action requested

In line with the terms of reference of CCFL and the above requirement, CCFL49 is requested to consider and endorse the labelling provisions forwarded by the following Codex Committees: CCFFV, CCASIA, CCNE, and CCSCH, as presented in the Appendix I with the links to relevant standards uploaded on the Codex website.

APPENDIX: The labelling provisions forwarded to CCFL for endorsement

¹Section II: Elaboration of Codex texts: Relations between Commodity Committees and General Subject Committees, *Codex Procedural Manual* (latest edition)

²Section II: Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related texts – Format for Commodity Standards: Section on Labelling, *Codex Procedural Manual* (latest edition)

APPENDIX**THE LABELLING PROVISIONS FORWARDED TO CCFL FOR ENDORSEMENT****A. CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (CCFFV)**

Note: CCFFV23 forwarded the draft standard for fresh curry leaves to CAC for adoption at Step 5/8.

The labelling provisions in this standard mostly follow the proposed layout for standards for fresh fruits and vegetables ([CCFFV information document](#)).

Thus, these provisions also follow the labelling provisions in other standards recently established by CCFFV and endorsed by CCFL, i.e.

- *Standard for fresh dates* (CXS 363-2025)
- *Standard for berry fruits* (CXS 349-2022)

STANDARD FOR FRESH CURRY LEAVES³**7. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING OR LABELLING****7.1 CONSUMER PACKAGES**

In addition to the requirements of the *General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods* (CXS 1-1985), the following specific provisions apply:

7.1.1 Name of produce

Each package shall be labelled as “Fresh Curry Leaves”.

7.1.2 Origin of produce

Country of origin³ and optionally, the district where the fresh curry leaves were grown, or the national, regional or local place name may be used.

In the case of a mixture of distinctly different varieties or commercial types of fresh curry leaves of different origins, the indication of each country of origin shall appear next to the name of the varieties or commercial types concerned.

7.2 NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the *General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods* (CXS 346-2021). In addition, the following specific requirements shall apply.

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

7.2.1 Origin of Produce

Country of origin³ and, optionally, district where grown, or the national, regional or local place name.

In the case of a mixture of distinctly different species and/or varieties of fresh curry leaves of different origins, the indication of each country of origin shall appear next to the name of the species and/or variety concerned.

7.2.2 Commercial Specifications

- Class

³ The full or commonly used name should be indicated.

B. FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA (CCASIA)**REGIONAL STANDARD FOR QUICK-FROZEN DUMPLINGS (ASIA)⁴**

Note: CCASIA23 forwarded the draft regional standard for quick-frozen dumplings (Asia) to CAC for adoption at Step 8.

Please note that Sections 8.1 and 8.2 contain provisions specific to this standard.

8. LABELLING	The product covered by the provisions of this standard shall be labelled in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods</i> (CXS 1-1985), in addition, the following provision shall apply.
8.1 Name of the product	The name of the product shall be “quick frozen dumplings” and may be accompanied with that of the filling. The label should properly indicate that the package contains raw dumplings” or cooked dumplings”. Other names may be used in accordance with the law and custom of the country in which the product is sold, and in a manner not misleading to consumers.
8.2 Storage instruction	The label shall include terms to indicate that the product shall be stored at a temperature of -18°C or colder.
8.3 Labelling of non-retail containers	The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods</i> (CXS 346-2021).

C. FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR NEAR EAST (CCNE)**REGIONAL STANDARD FOR MAAMOUL (NEAR EAST)⁵**

Note: CCNE12 forwarded the draft regional standard for maamoul (Near East) to CAC for adoption at Step 8.

The labelling provisions in this standard follow the labelling provisions in *Regional Standard for mixed zaatar* (Near East) (CXS 341R-2020) established by CCNE and endorsed by CCFL.

7. LABELLING	The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of prepackaged foods</i> (CXS 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:
7.1 Name of product	The product name shall be “Maamoul” with type of filling.
7.2 Labelling of non-retail containers	The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods</i> (CXS 346-2021).

D. CODEX COMMITTEE FOR SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH)**STANDARD FOR SPICES DERIVED FROM DRIED OR DEHYDRATED FRUITS AND BERRIES - REQUIREMENTS FOR VANILLA⁶**

Note: CCSCH8 forwarded the draft standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries - Requirements for vanilla to CAC for adoption at Step 8.

The labelling provisions in this standard follow the CCSCH [updated/revised template/standard layout for the spices and culinary herbs standards](#).

8. LABELLING

⁴ REP25/ASIA, Appendix VIII

⁵ REP25/NE Appendix IV

⁶ REP25/SCH Appendix III

	The products shall be labelled in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods</i> (CXS 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:
8.1	Name of the product
8.1.1	The name of the product shall be the common name as described in Section 2.1
8.1.2	The style of the product shall be as described in Section 2.2. (Styles)
8.1.3	The Trade name shall be declared and/or the scientific name may be indicated.
8.2	Country of origin and country of harvest
8.2.1	Country of origin shall be declared.
8.2.2	Country of harvest (optional)
8.2.3	Region of harvest and year of harvest (optional)
8.3	Commercial identification
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - style - class/grade, if applicable - size (optional)
8.4	Labelling of non-retail containers
	The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods</i> (CXS 346-2021).

STANDARD FOR SPICES IN THE FORM OF DRIED FRUITS AND BERRIES - REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE CARDAMOM⁷

Note: CCSCH8 forwarded the draft standard for spices derived from dried or dehydrated fruits and berries - Requirements for vanilla to CAC for adoption at Step 5/8.

The labelling provisions in this standard follow the CCSCH [*updated/revised template/standard layout for the spices and culinary herbs standards*](#).

8.	LABELLING
	The products shall be labelled in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of prepackaged foods</i> (CXS 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:
8.1	Name of the product
8.1.1	The name of the product shall be the common name as described in Section 2.1.
8.1.2	The style of the product shall be as described in Section 2.2 (Styles).
8.1.3	The Trade name and/or the scientific name may be indicated.
8.2	Country of origin and country of harvest
8.2.1	The Country of origin shall be declared.
8.2.2	Country of harvest (optional).
8.2.3	Region of harvest and year of harvest (optional).
8.3	Labelling of non-retail containers
	The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods</i> (CXS 346-2021).

⁷ REP25/SCH Appendix IV

STANDARD FOR SPICES IN THE FORM OF DRIED SEEDS - REQUIREMENTS FOR CORIANDER⁸

Note: CCSCH8 forwarded the draft standard for spices in the form of dried seeds - requirements for coriander to CAC for adoption at Step 5/8.

The labelling provisions in this standard follow CCSCH [updated/revised template/standard layout for the spices and culinary herbs standards](#).

8	LABELLING
	The products shall be labelled in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods</i> (CXS 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:
8.1	Name of the product
8.1.1	The name of the product shall be the common name as described in Section 2.1.
8.1.2	The style of the product shall be as described in Section 2.2 (Styles).
8.1.3	The trade name and/or the scientific name may be indicated.
8.2	Country of origin and country of harvest
8.2.1	Country of origin shall be declared.
8.2.2	Country of harvest (optional).
8.2.3	Region of harvest and year of harvest (optional).
8.3	Commercial identification
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Style. - Class or grade, if applicable. - Particle size (optional)
8.4	Labelling of non-retail containers
	The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods</i> (CXS 346-2021).

STANDARD FOR HERBS - REQUIREMENTS FOR SWEET MARJORAM⁹

Note: CCSCH8 forwarded the draft standard for herbs - Requirements for sweet marjoram to CAC48 for adoption at Step 5.

The labelling provisions in this standard follow the CCSCH [updated/revised template/standard layout for the spices and culinary herbs standards](#).

8	LABELLING
	The products shall be labelled in accordance with the <i>General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods</i> (CXS 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:
8.1	Name of the product
8.1.1	The name of the product shall be the common name as described in Section 2.1.
8.1.2	The style of the product shall be as described in Section 2.2 (Styles)
8.1.3	The trade name and/or the scientific name may be indicated.
8.2	Country of origin and country of harvest.
8.2.1	Country of origin shall be declared.
8.2.2	Country of harvest (optional).
8.2.3	Region of harvest and year of harvest (optional).
8.3	Commercial identification

⁸ REP25/SCH Appendix V

⁹ REP25/SCH Appendix VI

- Style
- Class/grade, if applicable.
- Particle size (optional).

8.4 Labelling of non-retail containers

The labelling of non-retail containers should be in accordance with the *General standard for the labelling of non-retail containers of foods* (CXS 346-2021).