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**DRAFT STANDARD FOR *GNETUM* SPP LEAVES
Comments at Step 3 (Replies to CL 2019/58-AFRICA)
*Comments of Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Nigeria and Rwanda***

Background

1. This document compiles comments received through the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) in response to CL 2019/58/OCS-AFRICA issued in June 2019. Under the OCS, comments are compiled in the following order: general comments are listed first, followed by comments on specific sections.

Explanatory notes on the appendix

2. The comments submitted through the OCS are hereby attached as **Annex I** and are presented in table format

ANNEX I

Text/ Comment	Country/Observer
(General Comment)	
They should be to types of requirements: General requirements and specific requirements. Specific requirement should have characteristic like: Crude ash content, Moisture content, crude fiber content, Acid insoluble ash and Acid value.	Rwanda
Nigeria proposes insertion of the following definitions as section 3: 3. Definitions a) One type: means that the Gnetum leaf is generally of the same colour and character of growth. No mixture of types shall be permitted which materially affects the appearance of the lot. b) Fresh: means that the leaves or parts of leaves are not more than slightly wilted. c) Young leaves: means leaves that are not satisfactory mature. d) Maturity: means stage of development of any Gnetum leaves at its maximum size and growth. e) Damage: means any injury or defect which materially affects the appearance, or the edible, shipping or keeping quality of the individual leaves or parts of leaves or the lot as a whole. Rationale - For ease of understanding of terms used in the Standard	Nigeria
Una vez revisado el PROYECTO DE NORMA REGIONAL PARA GNETUM Spp, Ecuador manifiesta que está de acuerdo con el texto y con las consideraciones descritas de manera general, dichos criterios permitirán regular este tipo de productos que no se comercializan de manera formal en el país.	Ecuador
SCOPE	
This standard applies to fresh whole and sliced leaves of <i>Gnetum spp</i> , namely commonly <i>Gnetum africanum</i> and <i>Gnetum bucholzianum</i> . Nigeria proposes that the following local Names for the Gnetum Spp. Leaves be presented on the Footnote of the Standard as follows: “* Okok, Eru and fumbua, m’fumbua (Cameroon); Okasi and Afang (Nigeria); Koko (Angola, Gabon, DRC, Congo, Central Africa Republic).”	Nigeria
DESCRIPTION	
The gnetum plant is wild vine that is perennial and grows approximately 10m long with the leaves growing approximately 8cm long, often found in the rainforests. The most common species found in Africa; <i>Gnetum. africanum</i> and <i>Gnetum. bucholzianum</i> are morphologically similar but have slight differences in leaf shape. Gnetum plant is considered a vegetable with high protein leaves used in cooking.	Burkina Faso
EXTRA CLASS	
Five percent (5%) on the weight basis of <i>gnetum</i> spp leaves not satisfying the requirements of the class, but meeting those of Class I.	Nigeria
CLASS I	
Ten percent (10%) on the weight basis of <i>gnetum</i> spp leaves not satisfying the requirements of the class, but meeting those of Class II.	
LABELLING	
9.- LABELLING Delete Duplication of section 6	Nigeria
9.1 Names of the products	
The name of the product covered by this standard is “ Gnetum spp. Leaves ” followed by the local name.	
9.2 Labelling of Non-Retail Containers	
Each package shall bear information on product identification, the nature of the product, the product's origin and commercial characteristics. This information should be printed on the same side in readable character, and visible from the outside. This information may also be included in the documents accompanying the product.	
9.2.1 Identification: The identification code, country of origin (production area), the address of the exporter, importer, vendor and / or packer.	

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9.2.2 The name and nature of the product shall be labelled on the packaging.	
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