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CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS**

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**Draft Standard for Dried Oregano (Updated)**

**(Comments from Kenya, Tanzania and Thailand)**

## Kenya

**General Comment:** Kenya supports the advancement of the draft standard for dried oregano to the next codex step.

## Tanzania

### **GENERAL COMMENT**

The United Republic of Tanzania (URT) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group chaired by Turkey for their good work to come up with this draft standard for dried oregano for members' comments.

### **SPECIFIC COMMENT**

#### **Section 3.2.3 "Classification"**

Inconsistence in naming of the classes in spice standards, the best class for all spices be named as either class 1 or extra class. In other spice standards are presented as class 1

#### **Justification**

Classification of spices should be consistent.

#### **Table 2**

The URT requests for criteria used to set the limit on numbers of dead insects, insect fragment and visible mold/insects in 10g.

#### **Justification**

The current limits are significantly higher to be contained in 10g.

#### **Section 8.3.1**

The URT proposes removal of 8.3.1

#### **Justification**

"Country of Origin" should be declared as mandatory, in line with the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods (CXS 1-1985), that the 'Country of Harvest' is not necessary and should be removed from the draft standard.

## Thailand

Thailand would like to provide suggestions on this document as follows:

1. We would like to request the working group to add a parameter on the determination of carvacrol and thymol in this draft standard due to the fact that these essential oil components are the major factors in differentiating Oregano from Lippia in addition to the information specified on the labelling (general name and scientific name).
2. In section 3.2.1, we would like to propose to remove the text "(whole, crushed or ground)" as the term dried Oregano has already covered all styles of Oregano.

3. In section 6 Hygiene, we would like to amend the updated title of CXG 21-1997 as follows:  
“Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria related to Foods (CXG 21-1997)”
4. We would like to add a method of analysis for live insect in table 4 to be complied with the requirement under table 2.