



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEx COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS
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COMMENTS OF NIGERIA

Agenda Item 2.1: Information on the use of the term “Country of harvest” in the labelling of spices

Nigeria recognizes the importance of the inclusion of “country of harvest” on the labelling provisions for spices especially with respect to traceability and transparency. Nigeria therefore supports the proposal for the inclusion of “Country of Harvest” on the labelling provision on standards for all spices and culinary herbs.

Rationale

The origin of the product may be different from the Country of Harvest and it is therefore important for traceability.

Agenda Item 3.1: Draft Standard for Spices Derived from Dried or Dehydrated Fruits and Berries – Requirements for Vanilla

8.3.2 Country of harvest

Nigeria proposes the deletion of “Optional” from the provision for Labelling relating Country of Harvest and retention of “mandatory”.

Rationale

The origin of the product may be different from the Country of Harvest and it is therefore important for traceability.

8.3.3 Region of harvest and year of harvest.

Nigeria proposes the deletion of “Region of harvest” from the Labelling provision.

Rationale

The origin if declared as required in 8.3.2 is sufficient to reflect the region, while declaration of year of harvest reflects the quality and freshness of the products. Furthermore, inclusion of region of harvest in the standard is not a scientific determinant of product quality or

Safety.

Agenda Item 3.2: DRAFT STANDARD FOR DRIED OR DEHYDRATED FRUITS AND BERRIES – REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE CARDAMOM

8.2.2 Country of harvest may be declared (optional).

Nigeria proposes the deletion of “**may be declared (optional)**” from the provision for Labelling relating Country of Harvest and its replacement with “mandatory”.

Rationale

The origin of the product may be different from the Country of Harvest and it is therefore important for traceability.

8.2.3 Region of harvest and year of harvest may be declared (optional)

Nigeria proposes the deletion of “Region of harvest” from the Labelling provision.

Rationale

The country of origin if declared as required in 8.2.2 is sufficient to reflect the region, while declaration of year of harvest reflects the quality and freshness of the products.

Agenda Item 4.1: DRAFT STANDARD FOR SPICES DERIVED FROM DRIED OR DEHYDRATED BARK – CINNAMON**2.1. Product definition**

Nigeria supports the proposal for the removal of the square brackets on [peeled and unpeeled] in the product definition as shown below.

Rationale

Cinnamon as a product is obtained from dried or dehydrated bark whether peeled or unpeeled.

8.2.2 Country of harvest may be [to be developed].

Nigeria proposes the deletion of “[to be developed].” from the provision for Labelling relating to Country of Harvest and its replacement with “mandatory”.

Rationale

The origin of the product may be different from the Country of Harvest and it is therefore important for traceability.

8.2.3 Region of harvest and year of harvest may be declared (optional)

Nigeria proposes the deletion of “Region of harvest” and retention of year of harvest on the Labelling provision.

Rationale

The country of origin if declared as required in 8.2.2 is sufficient to reflect the region. While declaration of year of harvest reflects the quality and freshness of the products.

Agenda Item 5.1: DRAFT STANDARD FOR SPICES DERIVED FROM DRIED OR DEHYDRATED SEEDS – REQUIREMENTS FOR CORIANDER**8.2.2 Country of harvest may be [to be developed].**

Nigeria proposes the deletion of “[to be developed].” from the provision for Labelling relating to Country of Harvest and its replacement with “mandatory”.

Rationale

The origin of the product may be different from the Country of Harvest and it is therefore important for traceability.

8.2.3 Region of harvest and year of harvest may be declared (optional)

Nigeria proposes the deletion of “Region of harvest” but retention of year of harvest on the Labelling provision.

Rationale

The country of origin if declared as required in 8.2.2 is sufficient to reflect the region, while declaration of year of harvest reflects the quality and freshness of the products.