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Submitted by California Walnut Commission

The following comment has been submitted by the California Walnut Commission

On behalf of the California walnut industry we object to this informal discussion and position taking on the walnut standard. The Specialized Section agreed to keep the 2002 standard in place for 5 years and there are many countries and our industry that are relying on that agreement in good faith. We will be urging our government to oppose any changes and keep the commitment that was made to the industry. This relentless effort to bring the issue up repeatedly after our agreement is counterproductive to ever reaching consensus on a walnut standard.