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CONSIDERATION OF UN/ECE RECOMMENDATIONS:  
CASHEW KERNELS

Proposal transmitted by India

**Introduction:** Attention is drawn to the report of the last session (see TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/14, paras. 28 to 31). The following proposals have been sent in by the delegation of India for consideration by the Specialized Section.

**Proposal:**

**II. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY**

**A. Minimum requirements**

1. In the third indent reading:

“- free from living or dead insects, whatever their stage of development,”

Delete the words “or dead”.

**IV. PROVISIONS CONCERNING TOLERANCES**

2. 1% tolerance for rancidity is given along with mould and rotten kernels for class II kernels. In our experience those grades always have some amount of rancidity when measured as FFA% or peroxide value as meg per kg. Therefore we propose that a tolerance of 1% for FFA and 5 meg of O<sub>2</sub>/kg of extracted fat for peroxide value for scorched pieces may be provided for Class II grades.

**VI. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING**

**C. Origin of produce**

3. Amend the text: “Country of origin and where processed, if different.”  
to read: “Country of Origin or where processed.”

**Justification:**

4. India imports large quantities of raw cashew nuts from different countries and these are used along with raw nuts processed from domestic sources for processing into cashew kernels for export. In many cases a single manufacturer processes raw cashew nuts from different areas at their different processing units and the cashew kernels are brought to a central packaging centre for packing. Hence it is not possible to determine exactly the percentage of raw nuts from different regions/countries used for obtaining each consignment of cashew kernels. Therefore it will only be possible to mention the country of processing as the country of origin on the cartons of cashew kernels exported from India.

As cashew kernels processed out of raw nuts of any origin taste alike and have the same nutritional and other characteristics, mention of the country of origin is irrelevant.

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