

INFORMATION ON RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Standardization of fresh fruits and vegetables has been considered at the 22ND Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables held virtually on 25-29 April and 4 May 2022 (CCFFV22). Below are the relevant matters and corresponding decisions.

1. Proposed draft standard for onions and shallots

CCFFV22 agreed to forward the proposed draft Standard for onions and shallots for adoption, noting the reservations of EU and its Member States for inclusion of the provision allowing a tolerance for decay in "Extra" Class and Colombia for inclusion of tolerances for decay in all classes.

2. Proposed draft standard for berry fruits

CCFFV22 agreed to forward the proposed draft Standard for berry fruits for adoption, noting the reservations of EU and its Member States as well as Colombia for the same reason as described in the proposed draft standard for onions and shallots.

3. Proposed draft standard for fresh dates

CCFFV22 agreed to forward the proposed draft Standard for fresh dates for adoption, noting the reservations of Algeria for inclusion of the word "fresh" in the title of the standard, Algeria and Morocco for inclusion of the provision requesting moisture content 30 - 85% in the standard and Colombia for inclusion of tolerances for decay in all classes.

4. The layout for Codex standards for fresh fruits and vegetables and glossary of terms used in the layout

CCFFV22 updated the layout and renamed the "glossary of terms" as "definition of terms".

CCFFV22 agreed to publish these two documents on the Codex website as information documents for internal use by CCFFV.

5. Proposals for new work on standards for fresh fruits and vegetables

CCFFV22 agreed:

- to recommend approval of two proposals on new work i.e. Castilla lulo and fresh curry leaves; and
- to review existing standards in order to ensure their alignment with the layout for FFV standards and consider necessary updates.

6. Proposed amendments to the *Standard for Bananas* (CXS 205-1997)

CCFFV22 agreed to forward for adoption of the editorial amendment to the *Standard for Bananas* (CXS 205-1997) to align the Scope of the Standard to correctly reflect the list of varieties covered by its Annex.

7. The exact time and venue of CCFFV23 will be determined by the Host Government in consultation with the Codex Secretariat.

Report of the meeting for CCFFV22 is available from the Codex website at:

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFV&session=22>