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Review of existing standards:

Discussion of proposals resulting from the last session

Proposal by Iran (Islamic Republic of) for revisions to the standard for pears

Submitted by the delegation of Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Summary

The following proposal for revisions to the standard for pears (FFV-51) was submitted by the delegation of Iran (Islamic Republic of) for the consideration of the Specialized Section.



I. Proposal

The delegation of Iran (Islamic Republic of) proposes the following amendments to the standard for pears:

1. Addition of two cultivars to the annex

- (a) To add pear cultivar Beyrouti. This cultivar is the main commercial pear cultivar of Iran (Islamic Republic of). The name of this cultivar should be added on a separate line, without any synonym or trademark. Pear cultivar Beyrouti is a summer pear (SP) with a medium size 100-180 g/fruit.
- (b) To add pear cultivar Dargzai (Synonym name: Dar Gazi). This is a main commercial pear cultivar of Iran (Islamic Republic of). The name of this cultivar should be added in a separate line, without the synonym name Dar Gazi and without any trademark. Pear cultivar Dargzai is a late summer (autumn) pear with large- and medium-sized fruits of 180 g/fruit and more. This cultivar has the potential to produce fruits with an extreme size, but 180 to 300 g/fruit is proposed as the normal size of fruits of this cultivar.

2. Addition of pictures in annex showing the typical shape of fruits

The delegation proposes to add the pictures demonstrating the typical shape of fruits, similar to what is done in the OECD explanatory brochure for pears.

3. Addition of a colour classification for pears

The delegation proposes to add a colour classification for pears, as follows:

- (a) Group A: Pear cultivars without red hue colour such as Spadona, Williams Bon Chrétien, etc or with a very pale red hue area such as Abate Fetel, Santa Maria, etc.
- (b) Group B: Pear cultivars with a typical red hue colour such as Etrusca, Forelle, etc. In this group it is proposed the following classification:
 - a. Red hue class one: 50 per cent or higher quantity of fruit surface covered by red hue colour (Class I of Hue Colour).
 - b. Red hue class two: between 30 per cent to 50 per cent of fruit surface covered by red hue colour (Class II of Hue Colour).
 - c. Red hue class three: less than 30 per cent of fruit surface covered by red hue colour (Class III of Hue Colour).

II. Justification

- Justification for 1: The proposed added pear cultivars are main cultivars of Iran (Islamic Republic of) and these cultivars (Beyrouti and Dargazi) are not in the annex.
- Justification for 2: Adding a typical fruit photo of cultivars significantly help distinguish cultivars by supply chain actors - producers, exporters and importers. Also, some cultivars may be synonyms in different pear-producing countries. For example, this can help distinguish some cultivars such as Spadoncina from Spadona.
- Justification for 3: One of the factors for the price of pears in the market is the percentage of red hue. The cultivars with a high percentage of red hue are produced in good orchard management conditions. For this reason, it is proposed that the cultivars that normally have a significant red hue on their surface be classified also according to the percentage of red hue on the fruit surface.