

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



World Health
Organization

Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy - Tel: (+39) 06 57051 - E-mail: codex@fao.org - www.codexalimentarius.org

Agenda Item 7

MAS/37 CRD/11

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE ONLY

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS SAMPLING

Thirty-seventhth Session

Budapest, Hungary, 22 – 26 February 2016

(comments submitted by Israel)

Review and Update of CODEX STAN 234-1999 (CX/MAS 16/37/7)

During the 36th session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (23-27 Feb 2015) the issue of a single reference for methods of analysis was raised. Views were expressed stating the advantages thereof but also expressing the importance of retaining the methods within certain commodity standards such as for determining the authenticity of fruits and juices.

To our understanding, this issue will be raised again for deliberation in the upcoming 37th session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (22-26 Feb, 2016). Having polled representatives of the manufacturing and regulatory bodies involved in the manufacture and processing of fruit and vegetable juice in Israel, we wish to inform you that all those approached unanimously support the retention of the methods within the commodity standard on fruit juices (CXS 247-2005).

Israel supports the document: "Review and updating of Codex Standard 234 – 1999: IFU Comments". We believe that this approach offers the best methodology and solution for the all-important control and verification issues related to the identification of sources and composition of fruit and vegetable juices and their derivatives.