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**PROPOSED DRAFT CODEX GUIDELINES ON PACKING MEDIA FOR CANNED VEGETABLES
(AT STEP 3)**

Comments from Brazil and Cuba

BRAZIL

Paras 1 to 8 – Brazil has no comments.

COMMENTS TO ANNEX I

Section 2.2 & Section 2.3 – Brazil suggests that these sections become a sub section of 2.1, changing the numbers to 2.1.1 & 2.1.2 as Section 2.1 states the packing media that may be used and Sections 2.2 & 2.3 are the two possible types of packing media.

Section 2.4 – Brazil suggests that this section become Section 2.2 as vacuum packed is referred as being without packing media.

Sections 2.5 & 2.6 – Brazil suggests that these sections become Section 2.3 & 2.4 due to the previous changes.

The new text for Section 2.5 may be: [2.3] The name of the product shall include the indication of the packing media as set out in Sections [2.1.1] and [2.2].

The new test for section 2.6 may be: [2.4] If an added ingredient or any seasoning, as set out in Section [2.1.2], does alter the flavour characteristic of the product, the name of the said ingredient should be affixed to the commercial designation of the product or in close proximity.

COMMENTS TO ANNEX II

CODEX Secretariat Suggestion to Section 2.3 – Sweeteners – Brazil agrees with the suggestion of the CODEX Secretariat.

CUBA

The suggestions submitted by the Codex Secretariat on document CX/PFV 06/23/8 – Add. 1 are very precise and enlightening.

Regarding the wording proposed for terms to be used for sweeteners (food additives) and sugars (foodstuff used for sweetening purposes), Cuba approves the text presented in Annex II.

However, in regard to the Proposed Draft Codex Guidelines on Packing Media for Canned Vegetables, we propose the following changes to the body of the document:

1. SCOPE

Same as for the text of the circulated document (CX/PFV 06/23/8 – Add .1).

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Canned vegetables in packing medium – the product to which any of the packing media listed in Section 3 is added.

2.2 Vacuum packaged canned vegetables – the product packaged without packing media, or with a packing medium that does not exceed 20 % of the product's net weight, and the container is sealed under such conditions as to generate the following minimum internal pressure at 20 °C:

(a) [500 millibars] for containers of a capacity of 2 550 ml or less.

(b) [300 millibars] for containers of a capacity higher than 2 550 ml.

3. PACKING MEDIA COMPOSITION

3.1 Basic Ingredient

- Water

3.2 Optional Ingredients

- Salt

- Sugars¹, honey², and/or other foodstuff used for sweetening purposes such as syrups

- Vinegar

- Oil

- Fruit or vegetable juices and nectars³, single strength or concentrated

- Fruit or vegetable pulp or puree

- Tomato Puree⁴

- Spices or their natural extracts

- Aromatic plants

- Seasonings

3.3 The optional ingredients allowed under Section 3.2 shall not alter in any way the flavour and odour characteristic of the product.

4. LABELLING

4.1 The ingredients used in the preparation of the canned vegetables' packing media shall be declared in the list of ingredients in accordance with the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985).

4.2 If one of the ingredients listed under Section 3.2 alters the flavour and odour characteristic of the product, the name of this ingredient shall be stated in the name of the product or in close proximity to the name of the product.

¹ In accordance with the Codex Standard for Sugars (CODEX STAN 212-1999)

² In accordance with the Codex Standard for Honey (CODEX STAN 12-1981)

³ In accordance with the Codex General Standard for Fruit Juices and Nectars (CODEX STAN 247-2005)

⁴ In accordance with the Codex Standard for Processed Tomato Concentrate (CODEX STAN 57-1981)