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PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARD FOR CHILLI PEPPERS (N17-2008)

Comments at Step 3

(European Community)

The European Community and its Member States (ECMS) would like to thank Mexico for leading the work on developing the proposed draft standard for chilli pepper.

The ECMS wish to make the following comments on the draft document:

Section 2 Provisions concerning quality

There appears to be a mistake in Table 1, physiological defects for class Extra, which reads: "When defects affect an area of up to 10 % of the total surface area". The ECMS suggest replacing this text by one of the following alternative texts:

“Free of damages” or “When defects affect an area of up to 0,5% of the total surface area”.

Justification: Fruits of Extra class can not be more damaged by physiological defects than those of classes I and II.

Section 3 Provisions concerning sizing

There appears to be a mistake in Table 2, weight of extra large fruits of jalapeño type, which indicates a weight of < 35. This should read > 35.

Section 5 Provisions concerning presentation

Part 5.1 Uniformity

Word “variety” should be replaced by “commercial type”.

Justification: In the text of this standard all provisions concern commercial types, not varieties.

Annex A

In description of all seven commercial types the word “core” is incorrectly used.

1. The word “core” should be replaced by “locule” in all types described.
2. In point 1.6 in the last phrase of description the word placenta should be used in singular, not in plural.

Justification: “Core” in common parlance means “placenta”. There is only one placenta in a fruit, so fruits can not have two, three or four cores (placentas).

According to “Descriptors for Capsicum (*Capsicum spp.*)” edited by International Plant Genetic Resources Institute a part of placenta which is a kind of chamber or compartment is named “locule”. (See point 7.2.2.18 in section 7.2. concerning of description of inflorescence and fruit, where expression “number of locules” is used).

Annex C

Table 4

In heading of first column the word “variety” should be replaced by “commercial type”.

Justification: In the text of this standard all provisions concern commercial types, not varieties.