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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING

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### CONSIDERATION OF LABELLING PROVISIONS IN DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS (CCASIA and CCPFV)

#### A. FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA<sup>1</sup>

##### 1. Proposed draft Regional Standard for Fermented Soybean Paste (at Steps 5/8)

##### 8. LABELLING

The product covered by the provisions of this standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985).

##### 8.1 PRODUCT NAME

The name of the product shall be "Fermented Soybean Paste". Other names may be used if allowed by national legislation in the country where the product is consumed. The name of the product may include the name of an ingredient which characterizes the product.

##### 8.2 "HALAL" CLAIM

Claims on "Halal" fermented soybean paste shall follow the appropriate section of the *Codex General Guidelines for Use of the Term "Halal"* (CAC/GL 24-1997).

##### 8.3 LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Information for non-retail containers shall be given on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

<sup>1</sup> ALINORM 09/32/15, Appendices IV and V

## 2. Proposed draft Regional Standard for Edible Sago Flour (at Step 5)

### 7. LABELLING

The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

#### 7.1 NAME OF THE PRODUCT

The name of the product to be shown on the label shall be “Edible Sago Flour”.

#### 7.2 LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Information for non-retail container shall either be given on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer shall appear on the container. However, lot identification and the name and address of the manufacturer or packer may be replaced by identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

## A. CODEX COMMITTEE ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES<sup>2</sup>

### 1. Draft Codex Standard for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades (at Step 8)

#### 8 LABELLING

8.1 The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the *Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CODEX STAN 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

#### 8.2 NAME OF THE PRODUCT

8.2.1 The names of the products shall be,

In the case of Section 3.1.2 (a):

- Jam (or preserve or conserve, if appropriate)<sup>3</sup>;
- Extra jam (preserve or conserve, if appropriate)<sup>5</sup>;
- High Fruit jam (preserve or conserve, if appropriate)<sup>5</sup>;
- Jelly;
- Extra jelly.

In the case of Section 3.1.2 (b):

- Jam (or preserve<sup>5</sup> or conserve<sup>5</sup> or fruit spread);
- Jelly (or fruit spread);

In the case of Section 3.1.2 (c):

- Marmalade or jelly marmalade.

In the case of Section 3.1.2 (d):

- “X” marmalade (“X” is a non citrus fruit).

The name used should be in accordance with the legislation of the country of retail sale.

8.2.2 The name of the product shall provide an indication of the fruit(s) used in descending order of weight of the raw material used. In the case of products made with three or more different fruits the alternative phrase “mixed fruit” or similar wording or by the number of fruits may be used.

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<sup>2</sup> ALINORM 09/32/27, Appendices II, III and V

<sup>3</sup> The provision in parenthesis applies only to the English version of the Standard.

8.2.3 The name of the product may provide an indication of the variety of fruit e.g. “Victoria” plum and /or may include an adjective describing the character e.g. “seedless”, “shredless”.

8.2.4 The name of the product shall be accompanied by the term “prepared with added alcohol” in accordance with the legislation of the country of retail sale.

### 8.3 FRUIT QUANTITY AND SUGAR DECLARATION

Depending on the legislation or requirements of the country of retail sale, the products covered by this Standard may also give an indication of the fruit ingredient content in the form of “prepared with X g of fruit per 100 g” and the total sugar content with the phrase “total sugar content X g per 100 g”. If an indication of fruit content is given this should relate to the quantity and type of fruit ingredient used in the product as sold with a deduction for the weight of any water used in preparing the aqueous extracts.

### 8.4 LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

## 2. Draft Codex Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables (*General Provisions*) (at Step 8)

### 8 LABELLING

8.1 The products covered by the provisions of this Standard shall be labelled in accordance with the latest edition of the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985). In addition, the following specific provisions apply:

#### 8.2 Name of the Product

8.2.1 The names of the canned products shall be those defined in the corresponding Annexes.

8.2.2 When the vegetables are sized, the size (or sizes when sizes are mixed), as defined in the corresponding Annexes, may be declared as part of the name or in close proximity to the name of the product.

8.2.3 The name of the product shall include the indication of the packing medium as set out in Section 2.1.2 (a). For canned vegetables packaged in accordance with Section 2.1.2 (b) the words “vacuum packaged” shall be affixed to the commercial designation of the product or in close proximity.

8.2.4 **Other styles** - If the product is produced in accordance with the other styles provision (Section 2.2.1), the label should contain in close proximity to the name of the product such additional words or phrases that will avoid misleading or confusing the consumer.

8.2.5 If an added ingredient, as defined in Sections 3.1.2 and 3.1.3, alters the flavour characteristic of the product, the name of the food shall be accompanied by the term "flavoured with X" or "X flavoured" as appropriate.

#### 8.3 Labelling of Non-Retail Containers

Information for non-retail containers shall be given either on the container or in accompanying documents, except that the name of the product, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, as well as storage instructions, shall appear on the container. However, lot identification, and the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer may be replaced by an identification mark, provided that such a mark is clearly identifiable with the accompanying documents.

### **3. Proposed draft Annexes specific to Certain Canned Vegetables (*draft Codex Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables*)**

#### **Annex I: Asparagus**

##### **4 LABELLING**

For asparagus, colour shall be included into the styles as defined in Section 1.2. For white asparagus, the words “not peeled” and/or “not sized” shall be declared in accordance with legislation of country of retail sale.

#### **Annex IV: Green Peas**

##### **4 LABELLING**

4.1. When green peas are not graded the label may contain in close proximity to the name of the product the words “not graded”.

4.2 The name of the product may be “Peas”, “Green Peas”, “Garden Peas”, “Green Garden Peas”, “Early Peas”, “Sweet Peas”, “Petit Pois”, or the equivalent description used in the country of retail sale.

#### **Annex V: Heart of Palm/Palmito**

##### **4 LABELLING**

The name “hearts of palm / palmito” may be complemented by the common name of the palm used.

#### **Annex VI: Mature Processed Peas**

##### **2 LABELLING**

When colour of mature processed peas is not green, colour of peas should be declared (for example: brown peas or yellow peas).

#### **Annex VII: Sweet Corn**

##### **5 LABELLING**

5.1 For sweet corn, the word “white” shall be declared as part of the name of the product when white variety is used.

5.2 When green or red peppers or other vegetables are added (Section 2.1.1 b) a mention is declared in close proximity to the name.