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REVISION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED: CLASS A: PRIMARY FOOD COMMODITIES OF PLANT ORIGIN

TYPE 04: NUTS, SEEDS AND SAPS

Group 022 - Tree nuts

Group 023 - Oilseeds

Group 024 - Seed for beverages and sweets

Group 025 - Tree saps

Canada

BACKGROUND

1. Type 04 (Nuts, sees and saps) includes:
 - Group 022 Tree nuts,
 - Group 023 Oilseeds,
 - Group 024 Seed for beverages and sweets
 - Group 025 Tree saps
2. Group 022 was finalized by CCPR 43 (2011) and Group 023 was finalized by CCPR42 (2010). The Committee retained these groups at Step 7 pending finalization of the remaining groups in Type 04.
3. Group 024 was considered by CCPR49 (2017) and then adopted by CAC40 (2017) at Step 5 and advanced it for comments at Step 6 and further consideration by CCPR50
4. Group 025 was considered by CCPR49 (2017) and returned to Step 2 for redrafting.
5. The EWG was requested by CCPR49 (2017) to continue to work on Group 024 Seeds for beverages and sweets and the new Group 025 Tree saps and see if these groups could be expanded to other commodities. They were also requested to review the consistency of the nuts, seeds and saps groups, their codes and their location in within the Type 04 groups.

CURRENT STATUS

The Electronic Working Group (EWG) on the Revision of the Classification has revised all groups in Type 04 (Nuts, seeds and saps) to make them consistent with the approach taken by CCPR49 on the revision of the Classification:

- (i) to include a commodity only in one group or subgroup to avoid confusion of having two different CXLs for the same commodity;
- (ii) to include the same commodity with different plant parts in different groups to allow consideration of plant parts when describing a commodity;
- (iii) to include cross-referencing where commodities (without a code number) can be listed in a group, but with reference to its primary classification;
- (iv) to include the words "sub-group of" to the description of all subgroups to prevent misinterpretation between subgroups and individual commodities that share the same.

The EWG has recommended that the revised Type 04 Nuts, seeds and saps (current agenda item 7(a) and the corresponding Table on examples of representative commodities for commodity groups for this type (Agenda Item 7e) be forwarded to CAC41 (2018) for final adoption.

Canada's Position on the Revised Type 04: Nuts, seeds and saps

- As a member of the Electronic Working Group on the Revision of the Classification, Canada provided comments through this working group on the revisions to the nuts, seeds and saps commodity groups.
- Group 024 Seeds for beverages and sweets which was adopted at CAC40 (2017) at Step 5 remains the same as presented at CCPR49 (2017). No new commodities have been recommended for addition to this group. Canada is in agreement with the commodities in Group 024 Seeds for Beverages.
- Through the work of the EWG, Group 025 Tree saps has been created as a new group and 7 commodities were included in this group. Canada is in agreement with the commodities included in the new Group 025.
- Canada supports the recommendation of the EWG to forward Type 04 Nuts, seeds and saps to CAC41 (2018) for final adoption.

China

Group 025 – Tree saps

1 In this group, both ST 2095 (Group of tree saps) and HH 2095 (Subgroup of Herbs) carry the same commodity code of 2095; therefore, the code number should be corrected.

Egypt

Egypt appreciates the approach taken by CCPR in the revision of the classification requires that all commodity groups pertaining to one type and the corresponding examples of representative commodities for commodity groups of the said type be finalized together in order to send a single document for final adoption by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and inclusion in the Classification of Food and Feed (CXM 4-1989) and the Guidance on the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides to Commodity Groups (CXG 84-2012).

Egypt agrees on the classification mentioned in Document no. CI 2018/12-PR related to: Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXM 4-1989) Class A: Primary food commodities of plant origin Type 04: Nuts, seeds and saps Group 024 – Seeds for beverages and sweets Request for comments at Step 6, and **Document no. CI 2018/13-PR related to:** Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXM 4-1989) Class A: Primary commodities of plant origin Type 04: Nuts, seeds and saps Group 025 – Tree saps Request for comments at Step 3.

European Union

European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group (eWG) on the revision of the Classification of food and feed chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the draft on the revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds.

The EU acknowledges the work done by the eWG to harmonise and to check the internal coherence of various decisions taken by the CCPR in the period 2010-2017 on the revision of the classification of food and feed, in particular of the commodities of the four groups of Type 4.

As regards group 024 'Seed for beverages and sweets' and group 025 'Tree saps', the EU is pleased that comments presented to the eWG have been taken into consideration and agrees with both the classifications of the two groups, as they are presented in the Appendices III and IV of the document CX/PR 18/50/6.

The EU notes that discussions on the group 022 'Tree nuts' were finalised in 2011 and on the group 023 'Oilseeds' in 2010. The two groups were pending at step 7, waiting for the finalisation of other groups of the same Type 4. Therefore, with a view to the common goal to proceed with the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed, the EU will not oppose to the advancement of the entire revised Type 04 'Nuts, seeds and saps' to CAC41 (2018) for final adoption.

Kenya

Position: Kenya agrees with the proposed revised commodity group 025 for tree sp under type 04 nuts, seeds and saps and supports the recommendation of the EWG for their advancement of the revised type 04 with the corresponding table for representative commodities for final adoption by CAC41. Kenya also notes that under group 024 - seeds for beverages and sweets listed some commodities used in Kenya like soya beans are not included and therefore seek guidance on this matter.

Rationale: the revision is consistent with the decision of CCPR49 to create a new group 025 for tree saps and the proposals on examples of representative commodities for commodity groups for type 04 under agenda 7(e).