





32nd Meeting of the Codex Contact Points in the Arab Region

PREPARATION FOR THE 23rd SESSION OF THE Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

(CCFFV23)

Presenter Name, Country

February 4, 2025

Introduction

The Codex Committee on Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (CCFFV) will hold its 23rd Session, in Mexico City, Mexico, from 25 February to 1 March 2025.

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Agenda Item 1

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Twenty-third Session

Mexico City, Mexico

25 February - 1 March 2025

PROVISIONAL AGENDA





Brief Background

- This item was introduced as a new work proposal on a **standard for fresh curry leaves** at the 22nd Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV22, 2022) under Agenda item 7.
- Due to non-availability of standard for fresh curry leaves and impediments in international trade, it was deemed necessary to establish a standard covering the safety, quality and labelling requirements in order to have a reference that is agreed on internationally through consensus between the main producing and trading countries.
- Aiming to help to protect consumers' health and to promote fair trade practices in accordance with the different international agreements.









Conclusions of CCFFV22:

- Recommended approval of new work on fresh curry leaves by CAC45.
- Recommended establishing an EWG chaired by India and working in English:
 - to prepare a proposed draft standard for fresh curry leaves for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration at CCFFV23.
- To request the EWG to submit the report at least three months before CCFFV23.
- > CAC45 agreed to Initiate the New Work to develop a Codex Standard for Fresh Curry Leaves.



EWG Efforts:

- 7 Members Countries participated in the EWG: India, USA, Uganda, Canada, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Mexico.
- A proposed draft was prepared by India and circulated in <u>two rounds to EWG members</u> for comments.

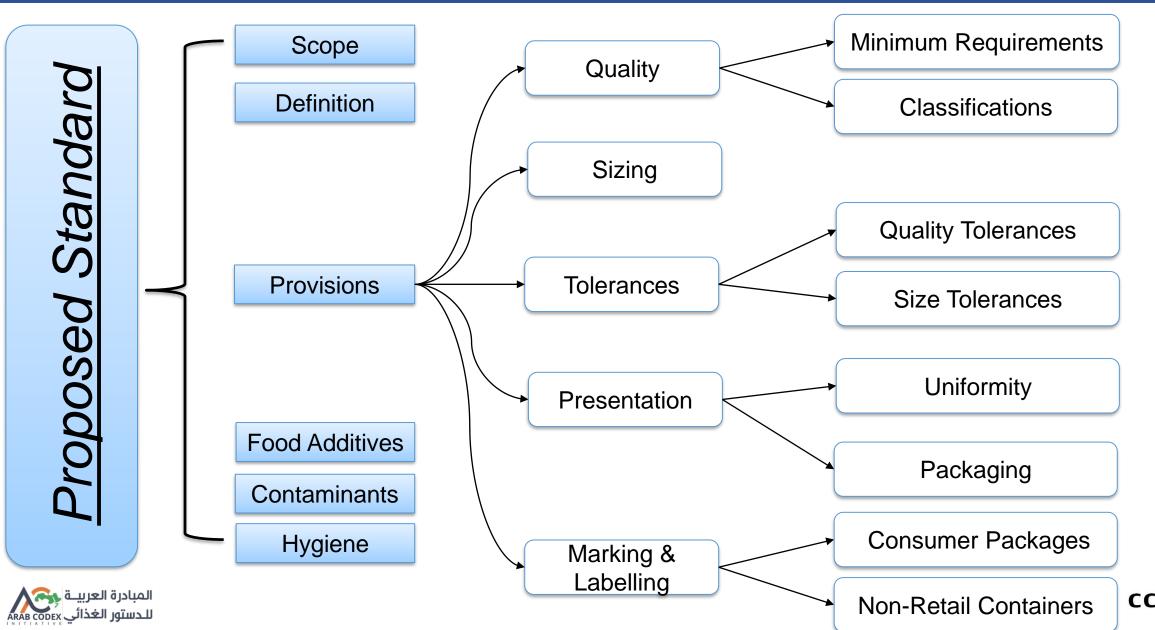
EWG's recommendation for CCFFV23

CCFFV23 is invited to consider:

- the proposed draft standard for fresh curry leaves at Appendix I of the working document.
- forwarding the proposed draft standard for fresh curry leaves to the forthcoming CAC meeting for adoption at Step 5/8.







Provisions kept in Square Brackets

1- Quality Provisions

- Classifications: "Class I & II"
 - Slight Damage.
 - Slight Defects in coloring
 - Slight Black Spots
 - Missing or Loose Stalk/Stem

2- Quality Tolerances

Size tolerance







RECOMMENDATIONS

The Proposed Draft Standard for "Fresh Curry Leaves" addresses the need for a Codex standard that ensures safety, quality, and labeling requirements. It will serve as an internationally agreed reference, established by consensus among key producing and trading countries, to facilitate and promote fair trade.

It is recommended to reach an agreement on the bracketed provisions related to defect tolerances and sizing, as this will strengthen the text and ensure clear and unambiguous quality requirements.

It is recommended to support the forwarding of the Proposed Draft standard for Fresh Curry Leaves, after final considerations of the bracketed provisions, for its final adoption (Step 5/8) at the upcoming commission (CAC48).





