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PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT UN/ECE STANDARD FOR PINEAPPLES

Transmitted by COLEACP

Note by the Secretariat: This document contains a composite table of the replies to the outstanding questions received from the members of the working group. The comments from South Africa originally distributed as TRADE/WP.7/GE.1/2001/15 have been included into this table.

Draft Pineapple Standards REPLY FORM (composite)

Country		**South Africa**	**Cameroon**	**Côte d'Ivoire**	**Spain**	**France**	**Portugal**
Q.1	Crown length	We suggest that the Codex standard be adopted i.e. with or without the crown. Length – 50 to 150 % of fruit length.	Approximately 1/3 of the length of the fruit	As commercial criteria vary, it is not useful to increase the standard beyond that proposed. (pineapples with crown)	Not very much difference between European markets.	(No reply)	(No reply)
Q.2	Sugar content	We agree.	Minimum 12° Brix	Yes	Yes. I fully agree with the COLEACP's observation.		
Q.3	Flesh character-istics	We agree.	Agree with COLEACP proposal	Yes	Yes. I fully agree with the two paragraphs proposed by COLEACP.		
Q.4	Maturity specific-ations	We agree.	Agree with COLEACP proposal	Yes	The relevant question is not wether to have a **specific** Chapter or section in the standard for maturity req. The question is to have these req. clearly laid down anywhere.		
Q.5	Color-ation scale	We maintain our position.	Agree with COLEACP proposal	The concept of colour is an important part of the marketing strategy in certain markets. Its mention is therefore an	Colour criteria should be included in the standard. If there is a strong oposition from some		

				undoubted aid to the reciever's understanding	countries, then include it as optional, which means that it is the only possible references to colour when its use is so decided by the dispatcher.		
Q.6	Minimum size	We agree with COLEACP 's observation and would like to recommend that the minimum weight of 660g as proposed in the Codex draft be adopted. Provision should also be made for a minimum weight for smaller varieties like Queen. We propose 250g.	Agree with COLEACP proposal	The text should remain as it is	Yes. I Agree with the closet approach of the standard to trade practises.		
Q.7	Commer-cial spec-ifications	This is not in line with other UNECE standards and we are maintaining our position.	Agree with COLEACP proposal	The provisions concerning sugar content, coloration and weight cannot be optional. It is imperative that storage temperature is mentioned. The mention of tare weight is compulsory in any case.	Indication of the tare weight of the packaging : Include, or at least, optional. Mentioning "store at 8°C" : Agree. The minimum sugar content should be written on the carton for the information of the trade and of the consumers : Agree.		
Q.8	Any other questions	see attached further comments on the UNECE pineapple draft document.	None	None	None		