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**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Interested International Organizations

**FROM:** Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme,  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy

**SUBJECT: Request for comments at Step 6 on the:**

- 1. Draft Codex Standard for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades  
(ALINORM 07/30/27, Appendix VI)**
- 2. Draft Codex Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables (*general provisions*)  
(ALINORM 07/30/27, Appendix VII)**

**DEADLINE: 28 February 2008**

**COMMENTS: To:**

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## **BACKGROUND**

1. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (October 2006) considered the proposed draft Standard for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades and made a number of observations, amendments and agreements. However, due to time constraints, the Committee discontinued the consideration of the Standard and agreed to discuss the remaining text at its next session. The Committee agreed to forward the Standard to Step 5 for adoption by the Commission<sup>1</sup>.

2. The Committee also considered the proposed draft Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables and identified generic provisions applying to all canned vegetables covered in the Scope to be dealt with in the body of the Standard while the vegetable-specific provisions were left in separate annexes to the Standard. This approach would allow for progress of the body and the annexes at different stages in the Step Procedure. The Committee agreed to forward the body of the Standard to Step 5 for adoption by the Commission and to return the Annexes and the Guidelines on Packing Media for Canned Vegetables to Step 3 for comments, redrafting by a Working Group led by France and further consideration by the next session of the Committee<sup>2</sup>.

3. The 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2007) adopted the proposed draft Standards for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades and Certain Canned Vegetables (*general provisions*) at Step 5 as proposed by the Committee<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> ALINORM 07/30/27, paras 115 - 146.

<sup>2</sup> ALINORM 07/30/27, paras 90 - 114.

<sup>3</sup> ALINORM 07/30/REP and Appendix V.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS****Draft Standard for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades**

4. Codex Members and Observers wishing to submit comments at Step 6 on the draft Standard for Jams, Jellies and Marmalade are invited to do so in conformity with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (Codex Alimentarius Commission Procedural Manual). Particular attention should be paid to those sections that need further discussion in the Committee i.e. Sections 3.1.3 through 9 especially those in square brackets in order to facilitate the finalization of the Standard. Some of the sections that deserves this attention are mentioned below:

- Soluble solid content (Section 3.2);
- Food additive provisions - vis-à-vis Appendix XIII of ALINORM 07/30/27 and the current relevant provisions in the General Standard for Food Additives<sup>4</sup> (Section 4);
- Labelling provisions - fruit quantity and sugar declaration (Section 8).

**Draft Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables (general provisions)**

5. Codex Members and Observers wishing to submit comments at Step 6 on the draft Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables (general provisions) are invited to do so in conformity with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (Codex Alimentarius Commission Procedural Manual). Particular attention should be paid to those sections that need further discussion in the Committee e.g. food additive provisions commonly applying to canned vegetables covered by the Standard while taking into account Appendix XIII of ALINORM 07/30/27 and the current relevant provisions in the General Standard for Food Additives (Section 4).

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<sup>4</sup> Codex documentation, including standards and related texts, can be downloaded from:  
<http://www.codexalimentarius.net/>.