



To: CIML Members

**Subject: Codex Alimentarius Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV):
Proposal for a sampling plan for controlling drained weight**

Early in August 2012, the BIML received a proposal (attached), dated July 2012 (CX/PFV 12/26/6) from Codex CCPFV on a "Sampling Plan including Metrological Provisions for controlling Minimum Drained Weight of Canned Fruits and Vegetables in Packing Media" with a deadline for comments of 30 September 2012. The BIML forwarded the proposal to the secretariat of TC 6 for review.

The OIML has been involved in the development of this proposal by attending the last meeting of the Codex Committee on Canned Fruits and Vegetables (25th CCPFV, Bali 2010), where the OIML was represented by the secretary of TC 6, Jaco Marneweck. The BIML contact for TC 6 had previously been involved by meeting with the author of the proposal, the representative of France in the CCPFV (Mrs. Claudine Muckensturm) to provide information about OIML R 87 on the quantity of product in prepackages.

If the proposal is accepted by CCPFV and subsequently by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, it would be a major achievement in the OIML's efforts to have Codex accept OIML R 87 as an international standard and as the basis for Codex requirements for the control of the quantity of product in prepackages in international trade.

The TC 6 secretariat and the BIML make the following proposal:

Considering the role of CIML Members in their country, i.e. as the representative of the OIML at the national level, and that, in general, national delegates to Codex Committee meetings are not experts in metrological issues, CIML Members are invited to contact their national delegates to the CCPFV as soon as possible, but in any case before the deadline of 30 September and offer any advice these delegates may require. The addendum to this circular lists the comments from the TC 6 secretariat and the BIML on the proposal.

Of course, some lobbying to persuade these delegates to vote in favor of the proposal at the CCPFV meeting (15–19 October 2012 in Montego Bay, Jamaica) would be appreciated.

A list of CCPFV delegates to the last meeting (Bali, 2010) is also attached. Should the person(s) listed as your country's delegate(s) no longer be involved in the work of CCPFV, or if no representative of your country attended that meeting, you may also contact your national Codex Contact Point. Contact details may be obtained from the Codex website at:

http://www.codexalimentarius.org/members-observers/members/en/?no_cache=1.

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Addendum

Comments from the TC 6 secretariat and the BIML on CX/PFV 12/26/6 of July 2012:

- The current proposal is generally in line with the tolerances and provisions of OIML R 87.
- The sampling plan for destructive testing comes from the EU requirements which other regions have also adopted e.g. SADC. OIML R 87 does not have a plan for destructive testing.
- In note 2, on page 7, there is a reference to the OIML which may be confusing. The OIML and WELMEC have taken the values for the time intervals from appropriate Codex standards.
- In clause 5.4 (2), change the spelling of "whiff" to "which" and change the words "in soft products" to "facing upward". Remove the words "by tilting the sieve". We are not convinced that tilting will invert a product like peach halves.
- In Annex 1, table for "DEFECTIVE TEST": change the spelling of "tolerance" to "tolerable" as defined in clause 2.8.2.
- In Annex 2 and Annex 3, what is meant by "Random Package report"? These prepackages are normally of constant nominal quantity.

Best regards,

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