European Union comments for the

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Draft Revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds:
Assorted Tropical and Sub-tropical Fruits - Edible Peel and Assorted
Tropical and Sub-tropical Fruits - Inedible Peel (at Step 3)

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European Union Competence.
European Union Vote.

The European Union (EU) agrees with the sub-grouping of the Tropical fruit commodities on the basis of surface area: mass (volume) ratio and the other subgroups of commodities of unique groups of plants (e.g. palms, vines) and peel texture for the commodities with inedible peel.

Proposal from Japan to move "Kumquats" to the Citrus fruits group, subgroup Lemons and limes

The proposal is not supported. We agree that kumquats belong to citrus fruit for botanical reasons. Nevertheless, compared to other members of this group the peel of Kumquats is edible while this is not the case for all other members of the citrus fruit group. Therefore, different levels of residues have to be considered in evaluation of consumer safety.