European Union comments for the

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Draft Revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds at
Step 7: Fruit Commodity Groups: Edible Flowers and Assorted Tropical
and Sub-Tropical Fruits - Edible and Inedible Peel, CX/PR 12/44/9

European Union Competence.

European Union Vote.

The European Union (EU) would like to submit the following comments:

This classification seems to be based solely on taxonomy and it is generally recognised that shape, size and surface type of fruits are other important factors to be considered for the classification of plants species used in magnitude of residue studies. The EU does not support the proposal to classify kumquats and similar in the citrus group because residues are likely to be higher for kumquats due to the small size compared to other citrus fruit when using the same GAPs thus leading to possible non compliances.

Pulp peel refinements used in risk assessments, normally used for the citrus group cannot be applied to kumquats which are eaten with the peel, leading to possible unacceptable intakes. The EU would prefer kumquats to be classified in assorted tropical and subtropical fruits edible peel small FT0026.

Assorted tropical and subtropical fruits – edible peel

Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): Change Dates and Olives in: “Dates, olives and similar fruit with hard seeds”.

FT 0299 Hog plum (=Mombin, yellow). Insert Mombin, yellow as separate entry with reference to Hog plum, FT 0299.

FT 0340 Java apple (= Wax jambu). Insert Wax jambu as separate entry with reference to Java apple, FT 0340.

Add the reference: Olives, table, see Table olives FT 0305.
Assorted tropical and subtropical fruits – inedible peel

Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): Add after stone but: “residue calculated and expressed on whole fruit”.