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Therefore the EU is surprised to read in paragraph 5 of this document that Option 3 (Agenda point 7b, document CX/PR 15/47/7) was discarded from the scope of this document, while options 1 and 2 remain included. We believe that it is not a correct procedure to pre-empt the outcome of the discussion that still needs to take place on document CX/PR 15/47/7. If options are presented in the table 2, then such presentation must be complete and take all options into account.

Moreover, while paragraph 5 suggests that Option 1 and 2 as presented in CX/PR 15/47/7 are taken up in this document (Appendix 1, table 2), neither of the two options presented in Appendix 1 actually corresponds to the options presented in CX/PR 15/47/7:

- The option presenting two sub groups, seems to be a mixture of options 2 and 3 of document 15/47/7. Winter squashes (pumpkins) are not mentioned in either of the two subgroups.

- The option presenting three sub groups is similar, but not equal to option 1 as presented in CX/PR 15/47/7. The main difference is the titles of the sub groups making reference to edibility/inedibility of the peel.

In Table 3 of Appendix II, second column, the commodities should not be separated by a comma, but by an "and" in line with the format of Appendix I, Table 2 for vegetable commodities.