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**REPORT OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL HARMONIZATION
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT (THC1)**

9th - 11th May 2017,

MINDELO, CAPE VERDE

REPORT

1. Opening session

The meeting of the 5th Technical Harmonization Committee on Agricultural Products 1 (THC1) of ECOWAS was held in Mindelo, Republic of Cape Verde, from 9th to 11th May, 2017.

The following members of the TCH1 participated in the meeting:

- Republic of Cape Verde (Chair)
- Burkina Faso
- Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Mali
- Federal Republic of Nigeria (Secretary)
- Republic of Senegal

Delegates at this meeting were composed of members of the THC1 as well as observers from Cape Verde, representative of IGQPI (*Instituto de Gestão da Qualidade e da Propriedade Intelectual*), West Africa Quality System Programme (WAQSP) and ECOWAS Commission.

The list of attendance is attached to this report, (**Annex A**).

2. Welcome Address and Opening Remarks:

The opening ceremony began with the welcome address by Mr. Abraão LOPES, president of IGQPI (*Instituto de Gestão da Qualidade e da Propriedade Intelectual*), who welcomed the participants to Cape Verde. He expressed his thanks and satisfaction for the hosting of this ECOWAS THC meeting. He said that Cape Verde is very involved in the process of standardization for regional integration and national needs. He wished the participants good deliberations.

The Director of Industry at the ECOWAS Commission, Mr. Mensan LAWSON-HECHELLI, thanked the government of Cape Verde for hosting the Member States in this Standards Harmonization programme. He conveyed the acknowledgments of the ECOWAS Commissioner for Industry, Mines and Private sector, M. Kalilou TRAORÉ, for the work done in the ECOSHAM process. He made reference to the adoption of the West African Common Industrial Policy (WACIP) which identified Standardization, Quality Assurance, Accreditation and Metrology as priority Programme. He recalled that the ECOSHAM process started almost four years ago with six committees that are all operational now. He thanked the former THC1 chairman Mr. Abraão LOPES and welcomed the new chairman, M. Tomy ALVES. He also appreciated the National Technical Coordinator of the West Africa Quality System Programme, Mrs Joana FLOR who hosted the participants in Mindelo. He concluded by wishing participants successful meeting.

Mr. Paulo Lopes DA SILVA, advisor and Representative of the Hon. Minister of Economy and Employment, Mr. José GONÇALVES, expressed his great honor to receive the participants in Cape Verde and appreciated the choice of the city of Mindelo. He recalled the importance of the Program of Harmonization of ECOWAS Standards, which fits perfectly into the principles of the Cape Verdian National Quality Policy. He stated that, for a small country like Cape Verde, the impact of Quality is very strong because it's greatest strategic resource is the country's level of trust and credibility. He reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of Cape Verde, as an effective member and an integral part of ECOWAS, with the program and projects developed by the Community in the field of Quality. He also thanked regional and international partners, namely ECOWAS, the European Union, UEMOA, UNIDO for the technical and financial support they have given to the cause of Quality in the

different countries of the Region. He wished the members a fruitful session and declared the meeting open.

3. Self-Introduction by Members

Mr. Abraão LOPES former Chair of the Technical Harmonization Committee 1 – Agricultural products, officially introduced the newly appointed Chair for Cape Verde, M. Tomy ALVES. He wished him good luck and appreciated and thanked the THC1 particularly the secretary of the THC1 for the work done and the support since the first meeting held in Cape Verde.

There was self-introduction by members of the THC1 who are the experts from Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Burkina Faso. Also in attendance were representatives of the ECOWAS Commission and Cape Verdean officials from the various regulatory Agencies and departments in the area of food safety as well as IGQPI and WAQSP.

4. Adoption of the agenda:

The chairman presented the draft Agenda for adoption by THC1 members. The draft agenda was unanimously adopted as presented without any change (***Please find copy attached as Annex B***)

5. Presentation on ECOWAS Standards Harmonization model - ECOSHAM

The Resource Person for ECOSHAM, Engr. Charles OKORO, gave a review of the ECOSHAM model. He gave a presentation of the different Standards Harmonization models and explained their advantages and disadvantages. He presented the ECOSHAM Standards harmonization model and made reference to the Lomé meeting where this model was adopted by ECOWAS Members States. Copy of the presentation is attached as ***Annexe C***.

6. THC1 Deliberation on the Standards

The plenary session followed and the elected bureau of THC1 steered the proceedings.

- ✓ Chairman: Cape Verde, M. Tomy ALVES;
- ✓ Secretariat: Nigeria, Mrs. Chinyere Virginia EGWUONWU.

The Chairman of the Technical Harmonization Committee 1 – Agricultural products, explained that the secretary would give a brief introduction on each standard before they were discussed by the members of the committee. He further explained that the various standards would be considered clause by clause and that the collated comments from member states would be looked at while discussing these standards. He also encouraged members to participate actively and informed members that new comments that would improve the standards will be accommodated.

The secretary presented the report of the committee's enquiry stage activities (***Copy attached as Annexe D***). The summary of the secretary's report indicated the following:

- Three standards (under listed below) were circulated to Member States for the national enquiry stage activities for a period of 60 days
 - (1) D -ECOSTAND 030: 2016 - Specification for Groundnuts (Source - Codex Standard for Peanuts; CODEX STAN 200-1995);

- (2) D-ECOSTAND 031:2016 - Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Groundnuts (source - Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (CAC/RCP 55-2004);
- (3) D-ECOSTAND 072: 2017 - Code of Practice for Processing Cassava Products (Nigerian Code of Practice for Processing Cassava Products).

- Responses and reactions were received from only nine (9) Member States namely Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote D'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo. While no responses/reactions from the six (6) member states, namely: Liberia, Benin, Niger, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Guinea Bissau;
- The collated comments from Member States were also presented by the secretary;
- Lack of response was a major challenge as it took two reminders within the 60 days to start receiving responses from member states .

She expressed her thanks to all the members of the committee for their efforts and especially to Cape Verde for their support on the technical review of Portuguese translation of Drafts Standards circulated for enquiry stage.

The three standards were extensively discussed. The details of the meeting proceedings on these three standards are as follows:

The secretary presented collated comments for each drafts standard. (***Find as Annexe E***) The Technical Harmonisation Committee 1 at this meeting deliberated on the under listed standards:

- D-ECOSTAND 030: 2016 - Specification for Groundnuts Specification for Peanut;
- D-ECOSTAND 031:2016 - Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Groundnuts;
- D-ECOSTAND 072: 2017 - Code of Practice for Processing Cassava Products.

The details of the meeting proceedings on the ECOWAS draft Standards are as stated below.

A D-ECOSTAND 030: 2016 - Specification for Groundnuts

Clause/sub clause No/paragraph	Modifications/Changes made to the standard	Justification for the Changes
Title of the standard	The title of the standard was changed from Specification for Groundnut to Specification for Peanut	The title has to be the same with CODEX standard being adopted Also the title has to be in line with the scope of the standard
Introduction - Paragraph 1, line 1	The sentence “ commonly referred to as Groundnuts ” was included in a bracket after Peanut.	To accommodate other countries in the region who call peanuts groundnut
Scope	The scope was modified to read “This ECOWAS Regional Standard specifies requirements for Peanuts (<i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L.) intended for human consumption.	The modified scope is more appropriate

<p>Normative Reference</p>	<p>ECOSTAND 031: 2017) - Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts.</p>	<p>The proposals and the important need for the inclusion of a clause on Aflatoxin was agreed on and this ECOSTAND 031:2017 which is indispensable to the use of this standard was cited in the relevant clause of this standard</p>
<p>3.1 Peanuts, Line 1</p>	<p>The word “and “before “obtained” was deleted The clause now reads ”either in the pod or in the form of kernels, obtained from varieties of the species <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L.</p>	<p>To give a better and unambiguous meaning to the definition.</p>
<p>3.4 rancid kernels</p>	<p>The values for peroxide value and Free Fatty acids were moved to the specific requirement Table The Clause was corrected to read “ “3.4 rancid kernels kernels which have undergone oxidation of lipids or the production of free fatty acids resulting in the production of disagreeable flavors”</p>	<p>By ISO directives, the clause on definition should not contain requirements. In addition, this text contains values for specific requirements for peroxide and free fatty acid levels in peanuts</p>
<p>3.12</p>	<p>The definition in 3.12 was separated into two different terms and now reads “3.12 Broken Kernel kernels from which more than a quarter has been broken off 3.13 split kernels Kernels which have been split into halves”</p>	<p>For better understanding and meaning in the English language</p>
<p>4.1.1 General Requirements</p>	<p>The sentence “uniform in appearance” was include as subclause 4.1.1 b The word “abnormal” was deleted and replaced with the word “objectionable”, the word flavours was replaced with “taste,”, and mitese changed to mites The whole clause was re written to read Clause 4.1.1 Groundnuts shall be: (a) safe and suitable for processing for human consumption; (b) uniform in appearance (c) free from objectionable odours, taste, insects and mites</p>	<p>To give a better meaning and in line with ISO directives To allow for uniformity in appearance The words ‘Objectionable’ and “taste’ are better technical terms than abnormal and flavour respectively</p>
<p>5 CONTAMINANTS</p>	<p>A new sub clause on Total Aflatoxin content was introduced and the maximum limit of 15 µg/kg established by the CODEX STAN 193-1995, (Rev.</p>	<p>Aflatoxin is a major contaminant in Peanuts, therefor, there is need to set tolerance limits as food safety measure to guide the</p>

	<p>2016) For Peanuts was adopted. The clause read as “5.2 Chemical contaminant</p> <p>5.2.1 Total Aflatoxins Content The Total Aflatoxins (B1 + B2 + G1 + G2) content of the Peanuts covered by the provisions of this standard shall not exceed the maximum limit of 15 µg/kg established by the CODEX STAN 193-1995, (Rev. 2016)”</p>	processors and exporters of Peanuts
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B DRAFT ECOSTAND 031:2017 - CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF AFLATOXIN CONTAMINATION IN PEANUTS

Clause/sub clause No/paragraph	Modifications/Changes made to the standard	Justification for the Changes
Title	The title of the standard was changed from. The “Groundnut” was changed to “Peanut”	The title has to be the same with CODEX standard being adopted Also the title has to be in line with the scope of the Code
Introduction - Paragraph 1, line 1	The sentence “ commonly referred to as Groundnuts ” was included in a bracket after Peanut.	To accommodate other countries in the region who call peanuts groundnut
Scope Paragraph, Line 1	“interested parties” was replaced with “value chain actors”	This change gives a better meaning to the scope and ensure that the code is not for all comers but for only those in the Peanut value chain

C CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRODUCTION AND HANDLING OF FRESH CASSAVA

Clause/sub clause No/paragraph	Modifications/Changes made to the standard	Justification for the Changes
All the document	The draft standard was generally modified and all the aspect on the derivatives of cassava was expunged. The ARSO equivalent was consulted and comparison made clause by clause. Most of the text of the ECOSTAND 072 were observed to be the same with that of the ARSO. With this a few modifications were made on Title, introduction, clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 4.1.2, 4.3, 5 and 6, Throughout the code, the word “sweet cassava was changed to fresh cassava	The harmonisation of standards on derivatives of cassava not under the coverage of this THC

		To accommodate all other types of cassava
Title	The title was changed to “Code of Practice for Production and Handling of fresh Cassava”	This reflects the scope and the content of the code
1 Scope	The scope was appropriately modified to retain the inclusion of the species of cassava	To be specific on the species of cassava being covered by the code
2 Normative References	With the removal of all the aspect dealing with the products derived from cassava root, the Normative references was updated to include only the normative cited in the modified code	No longer relevant
3 Terms and Definitions	All the terms and definition covering the derivatives of cassava were deleted bringing the number of definition to four	No longer relevant in this code
4 Types and Processing of Cassava Products	All the text on the processing of cassava products were deleted	The scope does not apply to products derived from cassava root
4.1.2 and 4.3	Sweet cassava was replaced with fresh cassava	
Clause 5	ARSO structure was adopted	Better presentation of the content of this clause
Clause 6 Packaging and labelling	ARSO text was adopted	Better and more meaningful
6.5	ARSO text for this clause was modified to read “The net weight should be declared and should be in metric units”	ARSO text restricted the packaging weigh to 50kg and made reference to an ILO guideline. This was kind of restrictive.
Bibliography	The Bibliography was modified in line with the changes made to the code	To reflect the modification made to the code

After the above deliberations, the Committee approved all the three standards to advance to the balloting stage

In the course of the deliberations on the draft harmonized standard on D-ECOSTAND 072: 2017 - Code of Practice for Processing Cassava Products, there was a need to establish working group to consider some issues raised during the enquiry stage. One working group composed of Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Senegal was set up to look at similarities with approved ARSO standards and parts that needed to be removed from the drafts ECOSTAND Standard.

The subcommittee worked on assigned work, the proposal was presented and discussed among the committee. The accepted changes are as reflected in table C above.

7. New Work Plan for THC1 for 2017 - 2018

Some new work items as presented by the secretary and suggested by members were discussed and agreed on. The secretariat prepared and presented a draft work plan for 2017-2018 based on this priority list. This work plan will be presented at the TMC meeting for approval.

The priority list and proposed work documents are captured on the table below.

PROPOSED STANDARDS TO BE HARMONIZED

No	Products	Remarks	Proposed Source Document
1	Sweet Potatoes	Dropped for now since ARSO is almost concluding work on it. So THC1 can adopt later	
2	Cotton	Dropped for now because it is not commonly traded within the region	
	Raw Cashew Kernel	Agreed this standard should be harmonised by the THC 1	Côte d'Ivoire
3	Onions	Onions – Specification To be harmonised by the THC 1	The Drafting committee consisting of Ghana, Senegal and Cape Verde to come up with the committee draft in the three different languages (English, French and Portuguese)
4	Cassava 1.Fresh cassava root 2.Fresh cassava leaves	Agreed this standard should be harmonised by the THC 1	To Adopt the ARS standard - ARS 835-2016 Fresh sweet cassava root – Specification To adopt ARS 837-2016 Fresh cassava leaves - Specification
5	Green Coffee Beans	The Committee agreed to harmonise the Specification for Green Coffee Beans –	To Adopt the ISO standard on Green coffee Beans (To also note an ARSO standard on this exists – ARS 168)
6	Guides for Storage and Transportation of Coffee	The Committee agreed to harmonise the Guides for Storage and Transportation of Coffee	Côte d'Ivoire
7	Vocabulary for cereal	The Committee agreed to harmonise the Vocabulary for cereal	Côte d'Ivoire
8	Sesame seed – Specification	The Committee agreed to harmonise the Specification for Sesame seed (Sesame seed – Specification)	Burkina Faso
9	Sorghum grains	The Committee agreed to harmonise specification for Sorghum grains.	To adopt ARSO - ARS 462-2016 Sorghum grains - Specification
10	Pearl millet grains	The Committee agreed to harmonise Specification Pearl millet grains	To adopt ARSO - ARS 463-2016(Pearl millet grains – Specification)

11	Lima beans	The Committee agreed to harmonise the Specification for Lima Beans	To Adopt ARSO - ARS 874 (F) - 2014, (Lima beans – Specification)
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Work plan for 2017-2018 based on the prioritized list for THC1 is presented below.

S/ N	ACTIVITIES	DEADLINE	STAGE OF HARMONISATION	ACTION BY (RESPONSIBILITY)	ASSOCIATED DOCUMENT
1	Corrections and amendments to THC1 approved FDHS	16 th to 29 th May 2017	Balloting	THC1 Secretariat	Corrected and amended Final Draft Harmonised standards (FDHS)
2	Circulation of the Final Draft Harmonized Standard (FDHS) together with the ballot form to all Member Countries for one month voting	5 th June 2017	Ballot stage (Stage 5) Clause 7.7.1	THC 1 Secretariat	Final Draft Harmonized Standards (FDHS) and balloting forms
3	Voting/Submission of Ballots to the THC1 Secretariat	5 th June 2017 to 4 th July 2017 (1 month)	Ballot stage (Stage 5) Clause 7.7.5	Member states	Adequately Completed Ballot forms
4	Collation of votes and the Circulation of a report on the result of voting to ECOWAS TMC, Member States and the ECOWAS Commission	10 th July to 24 July 2017 (2 weeks)	Ballot stage (Stage 5) Clause 7.7.5	THC 1 Secretariat	Collated Votes and Ballot results forms
5	Ratification of the received ballot results by TMC and Approval of the Final Draft Harmonized Standard by the TMC	At the TMC next meeting (date to be given by ECOWAS commission)	Approval stage (Stage 6) Clauses 7.7.7 and 7.8.1	TMC	Approved ECOWAS Standards : 1.ECOSTAND 030: 2017 - Specification for Peanuts 2. ECOSTAND 031: 2017- -Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Groundnuts 3. ECOSTAND 072:

					2017 Code of Practice for Cassava and Cassava Products
6	<p>Request for member states to submit to the THC1 Secretariat the source documents for under listed new work items</p> <p>1.Specification for Raw Cashew Kernel 2.Specification for Fresh Sweet Cassava root 3.Specification for Fresh cassava leaves 4.Specification for Green Coffee beans 5.Guides for Storage and Transportation of Coffee 6.Specifications for Onions 7.Specification for Sorghum grains 8.Specification for Pearl Millet 9.Vocabulary for Cereals 10.Specification for Sesame seed 11.Specification for Lima Beans</p>	5 th June 2017	Committee stage (Stage 3). Clause 7.5.6	THC1 Secretariat	Letter requesting for submission of source documents
7	Submission of the source documents on the under listed new work items:	5 th June 2017 to 4 th July 2017 (1 month)	Committee stage (Stage 3). Clause 7.5.6	Member states	<p>Draft formatted:</p> <p>1.Specification for Raw Cashew Kernel 2.Specification for Fresh sweet Cassava root</p>

					3.Specification for Fresh cassava leaves 4.Specification for Green Coffee 5.Guides for Storage and Transportation of Coffee 6.Specifications for Onions 7.Specification for Sorghum grains 8.Specification for Pearl Millet 9.Vocabulary for Cereals 10.Specification for Sesame seed 11.Specification for Lima Beans
8	Request for numbers for Draft Harmonised Standard (DHS) from the TMC for advancing the document to the enquiry stage.	4 th July to 10 th July 2017 (1 week)	Enquiry stage (Stage 4). Clause 7.6.1	THC1 Secretariat	Draft DHS numbers
9	Submission of the DHS to the ECOWAS Commission for translation.	11 th July 2017	Preparatory stage (Stage 2) Clause 7.4.4 Note	THC1 Secretariat	The under listed DHS Ready for translation: 1.Specification for Raw Cashew Kernel 2.Specification for Fresh sweet Cassava root 3.Specification for Fresh cassava leaves 4.Specification for Green Coffee 5.Guides for Storage and Transportation of Coffee 6.Specifications for Onions 7.Specification for Sorghum grains 8.Specification for

					Pearl Millet 9.Vocabulary for Cereals 10.Specification for Sesame seed 11.Specification for Lima Beans
10	Return of the DHS in appropriate translations (languages)	10 th August 2017	Preparatory stage (Stage 2) Clause 7.4.4 Note	ECOWAS Commission	Copies of the DHS available in English, French and Portuguese
11	Circulation of the DHS to all National bodies for public comment	24 th August 2017	Enquiry stage (Stage 4) Clause 7.6.2	THC1 Secretariat	DHS and Comment Template
12	Response by National bodies	24 th August 2017 to 22 nd October 2017 (60 days)	Enquiry stage (Stage 4). Clause 7.6.2	All member states	Comments from National Bodies
13	Compilation and circulation of the collated comments to all member states	25 th October to 4 th November 2017 (10 days)	Enquiry stage (Stage 4)	THC1 secretariat	Collated comments
14	Physical Meeting of the THC1. (To come to a round table to consider the comments received on the standards with a view of reaching consensus)	20 th November 2017 to 24 th November 2017	Enquiry stage (Stage 4) Clause 7.6.3 no 3	All members of the THC1	Final Draft Harmonized Standard (FDHS)
15	Corrections and amendments to THC1 approved standards	26 th November 2017 to 10 th December 2017	Balloting	THC1 Secretariat	Corrected and amended Final Draft Harmonised standards (FDHS)
16	Distribution of the Final Draft Harmonized Standard (FDHS) together with the ballot form to all	11 th December 2017	Ballot stage (Stage 5) Clause 7.7.1	THC 1 Secretariat	Final Draft Harmonized Standard (FDHS) and balloting forms

	national bodies for voting.				
17	Voting/Submission of Ballots forms to the THC1 Secretariat	11 th December 2017 to 10 th January 2018 th (1 Month)	Ballot stage (Stage 5) Clause 7.7.1	ECOWAS member states	Adequately Completed Ballot forms
18	Collation of votes and the Circulation of a report on the result of voting to ECOWAS TMC, Member States and the ECOWAS Commission	January 2018 (2 weeks)	Ballot stage (Stage 5) Clause 7.7.5	THC 1 Secretariat	Collated Votes and Ballot results forms
19	Ratification of the received ballot results by TMC and Approval of the Final Draft Harmonized Standard by the TMC	At the TMC next meeting (date to be given by ECOWAS commission)	Approval stage (Stage 6) Clauses 7.7.7 and 7.8.1	TMC	Approved ECOWAS Standards: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specification for Raw Cashew Kernel 2. Specification for Fresh Sweet Cassava root 3. Specification for Fresh cassava leaves 4. Specification for Green Coffee 5. Guides for Storage and Transportation of Coffee 6. Specifications for Onions 7. Specification for Sorghum grains 8. Specification for Pearl Millet 9. Vocabulary for Cereals 10. Specification for Sesame seed 11. Specification for Lima Beans

8. Concerns raised / Recommendations

During the course of the meeting, these following concerns/recommendations were raised:

To TMC

- A proposal to include a table of content in the ECOSTAND formatting style to be considered;

To THC1 Members

- To look at the different versions (French versions by Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali and Senegal – Portuguese version by Cape Verde) of the drafts harmonized standards in order to make sure that all technical information is in line with the approved English version,
- To collaborate with THC2 particular in the area of defining similar terms.

9. Adoption of the Meeting Report

The report of the meeting was unanimously adopted.

10. Closing

ECOWAS Commission expressed their thanks and appreciation of the sustained and meaningful contribution of the participants.

11. Vote of Thanks

The meeting expressed its gratitude to the Government and the people of Republic of Cape Verde Senegal for the excellent facilities placed at their disposal for the successful organization of the meeting.

Done this day, 11th May 2017 in Mindelo, Cape Verde



The Chairman THC1
TOMY ALVES

ANNEX A

**COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES
ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST**



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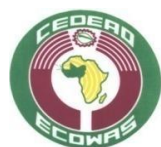
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**MEETING OF THE ECOWAS TECHNICAL HARMONISATION COMMITTEE 1 (THC1) –
AGRICULTURE, 9TH TO 11TH MAY 2017 – MINDELO, CAPE VERDE**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday 9th May 2017 – Day 1

TIME	SUBJECT/ACTIVITY	ACTION
8.30 – 9.00	Arrival and Registration of Participants	THC1 Members
9.00 – 9.10	Opening of the meeting Welcome Remark,	IGQPI
9.10 – 9.20	Remark by ECOWAS	ECOWAS Commission
9.20 – 09.45	Address by Cape Verde Official	Ministry of Economy and Employment, The Republic of Cape Verde
09.45 – 10.00	Health Break/ Group Photograph	THC1 Members
10.00 – 10.05	Roll call / Introduction of Members	THC1 Members
10.05 – 10.15	Adoption of Provisional Agenda	THC 1 Members
10.15– 11.15	Presentation on ECOSHAM	Resource Person /THC1 Secretary
11.15 – 13.15	Deliberations on Draft ECOWAS Standards. Presentation/Review of comments and observations on the public enquiry report on <u>Draft ECOSTAND 030: 2016 - Specification for Groundnut</u>	THC1 Bureau
13.15 – 14.15	Lunch	All members
14.15 – 15.30	Continue the Deliberations on <u>Draft ECOSTAND 030: 2016 - Specification for Groundnut</u>	THC1 Bureau
15.30 – 15.45	Health Break	
15.45 – 17.00	Conclusion on the Deliberations on <u>Draft ECOSTAND 030: 2016 - Specification for Groundnut</u>	THC1 Bureau
17.00 – 17.05	Closing Remark	THC1 Chairman



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Wednesday 10th May 2017 – Day 2

TIME	SUBJECT/ACTIVITY	ACTION
8.30 – 9.00	Arrival of Participants	THC1 members
9.00 – 9.30	Recap of day 1 activities	THC1 Secretariat
9.30 – 11.30	Deliberations on Draft ECOWAS Standards Presentation/Review of comments and observations on the public enquiry report on Draft ECOSTAND 031: 2016 - Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Groundnuts	THC1 Bureau
11.30 - 11.45	Heath Break	All Members
11.45 – 13.00	Presentation/Review of comments and observations on the public enquiry report on Draft ECOSTAND 072: 2017 - Code of Practice for Processing Cassava Products	THC1 Bureau
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	All Members
14.00 – 15.30	Conclusion on the Deliberations on Draft ECOSTAND 072: 2017- Code of Practice for Processing Cassava Products	THC1 Bureau
15.30 – 17.30	Review of draft work plan	THC1 Bureau
17.30 – 18.00	Closing Remarks	Chairman, THC1



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TIME	SUBJECT/ACTIVITY	ACTION
8.30 – 9.00	Arrival of Participants	THC1 Members
9.00 – 9.30	Recap of day 2 activities	THC1 Secretariat
9.30 – 11.30	Health break	All Members
11.30 – 13.30	Field visit to a Fishery	All Members
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch	All Members
14.30 – 16.30	Compilation of Report	THC1 Secretariat
16.30 – 17.30	Presentation of Reports	THC1 Secretariat
17.30 – 17.50	Adoption of meeting Reports	THC1 Bureau
17.50 – 18.05	Health break	All Members
18.05 – 18.15	Closing Remarks/Vote of thanks	Chairman, THC1 /ECOWAS Secretariat