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Draft table 2 – Examples of selection of representative commodities (vegetable commodity groups) at Step 4

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European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic working group led by the Netherlands and the United States of America for the preparation of the proposed draft table 2 on examples of representative vegetable commodities.

The European Union acknowledges that document CX/PR 15/47/9 is related to the discussions on documents CX/PR 15/47/7 (Agenda point 7b) and CX/PR 15/47/8 (Agenda point 7c) and will need amending in the light of the outcome of the discussions on these documents.

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.