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The work of the council is facilitated by the National Standards Centre (NSC), under the Ministry of Finance and Economy. With the main role of strengthening the capacity and sustainability of the national standards infrastructure, the NSC has been instructed to act as a body that provides a platform to complement the formation of the Council.

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Foreword

This publication is a result of dedication and commitment from the Technical Committee of Agricultural Crops (TCAC) which comprised of officers and specialists from various backgrounds under the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism. Inputs from various stakeholders in the agricultural communities were also paramount in moulding the content of this standard.

The development of the Brunei National Standard on Agricultural Crops is adopted from the ASEAN Standards for Horticultural Produce and Other Food Crops and also the International Codex Standard for Rice (CODEX STAN 198-1995).

Brunei National Standard on Agricultural Crops aims to cater agricultural communities in the country with an instrument that will maintain and improve the quality of agricultural produce in particular rice, vegetables and fruits. It is fundamentally designed to set a standard for on-farm production activities that will assure the quality and enhance the competitiveness of agricultural produce from this country, in both domestic and export markets. The standard is pivotal in supporting the Ministry's strategic planning which emphasizes four key elements; growth, productivity, export and sustainability. Ultimately, the development of this standard is also in-line with and in support of ASEAN Economic Community's (AEC) effort on the promotion of single market through facilitating intra and extra ASEAN trade, quality assurance and ensuring safety standard of farm produce.

This standard encompasses various on-farm production activities which include the definition of produce, quality, sizing, tolerances, presentation, marking or labelling, contaminants, hygiene, and sampling and analysis techniques. It is important to note that, this standard only covers commercial varieties of crops which are to be supplied fresh and ready to be consumed. Agricultural produce for industrial processing is generally excluded. In this edition, the focus of the standard will be placed upon sapodilla, cucumber, pumpkin, eggplant and melon.

This standard may also serve as a general reference and guidance for importer, exporter, agricultural extensions, farming communities, academic researchers, policy makers and also general public who are involved in agriculture activities.

BRUNEI STANDARD FOR MELON

1. DEFINITION OF PRODUCE

This standard applies to commercial varieties of Melon grown from *Cucumis melo* Linn. of the Cucurbitaceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Melon for industrial processing is excluded.

2. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY

2.1 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

In all classes, subject to the special provisions for each class and the tolerances allowed, the melon shall be:

- whole;
- firm;
- sound, produce affected by rotting or deterioration such as to make it unfit for consumption is excluded;
- clean, practically free of any visible foreign matter;
- practically free of mechanical and/or physiological damage;
- practically free of pests¹;
- practically free of the damage caused by pests affecting the general appearance of the produce;
- free of any foreign odour and/or taste; and
- fresh in appearance, have a shape, colour and taste characteristic of the variety.

The stem, if present, should not exceed 5 cm.

The development and condition of the melon shall be such as to enable them:

- to withstand transport and handling; and
- to arrive in satisfactory condition at the place of destination.

2.1.1 Minimum Maturity Requirement

The melon should be harvested and have reached an appropriate degree of development and ripeness in accordance with characteristics proper to the variety and to the area in which they are grown.

Total soluble solid contents should not be less than 8%.

2.2 CLASSIFICATION

¹ The Provision for pest applies without prejudice to the applicable plant protection rules applied by governments in line with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).