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Dried Grapes

Comments by the delegation of Germany

The following comments were submitted by the delegation of Germany.

The delegation of Germany would like to take the opportunity to clarify the terms "sultanas", "raisins" and "currants".

The delegation of Germany would propose to introduce a 2nd paragraph in  
definition of produce reading:  
  
**"The standard covers:  
  
sultanas - dried grapes from seedless varieties  
currants - dried grapes from the variety Korinthica (small, round  
berries, without stalks and practically without seeds, dark purple in  
colour tending to black and very sweet)  
raisins - dried grapes from seeded (seedbearing) varieties."**  
Reason:

In trade the terms sultanas and raisins are mixed and sometimes they seem to be used for different qualities and sometimes they are used in the original sense as shown above.

This "relaxed" use of terms causes problems when it comes to customs duties. There are three CN-codes: 0806 20 10 currants, 0806 20 30 sultanas and 0806 20 90 others but no clear definition. Customs duties are different for sultanas and others. It is difficult to introduce good definitions in the explanatory notes on CN-codes, but the UNECE-standard could provide a good basis.