

Food Classification under Amendment Regulation

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Background

- **Proposed amendments to the Regulations:-**
 - To replace the existing food categories of all food in solid / liquid form” with specific MLs targeting individual food /food groups
 - To adopt Codex MLs unless otherwise specified
 - To establish MLs for food / food groups which are of significance to the population in Hong Kong and which there is no relevant Codex MLs
 - To update the food description and nomenclatures in the Regulations with reference to available Codex’s food descriptions and nomenclatures or those of other economies as appropriate
 - To incorporate interpretation of MLs into the Regulations



Codex classification of foods

- **Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds**
- **Codex has also adopted various relevant standards, with definitions of food commodities concerned** (<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/list-standards/en/>)



Classification of major food groups following Codex's approach



Cereals

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Cereal grains (e.g. rice, maize, wheat)

Rice, husked and rice, polished
[Milled cereal products (early milling stages)]

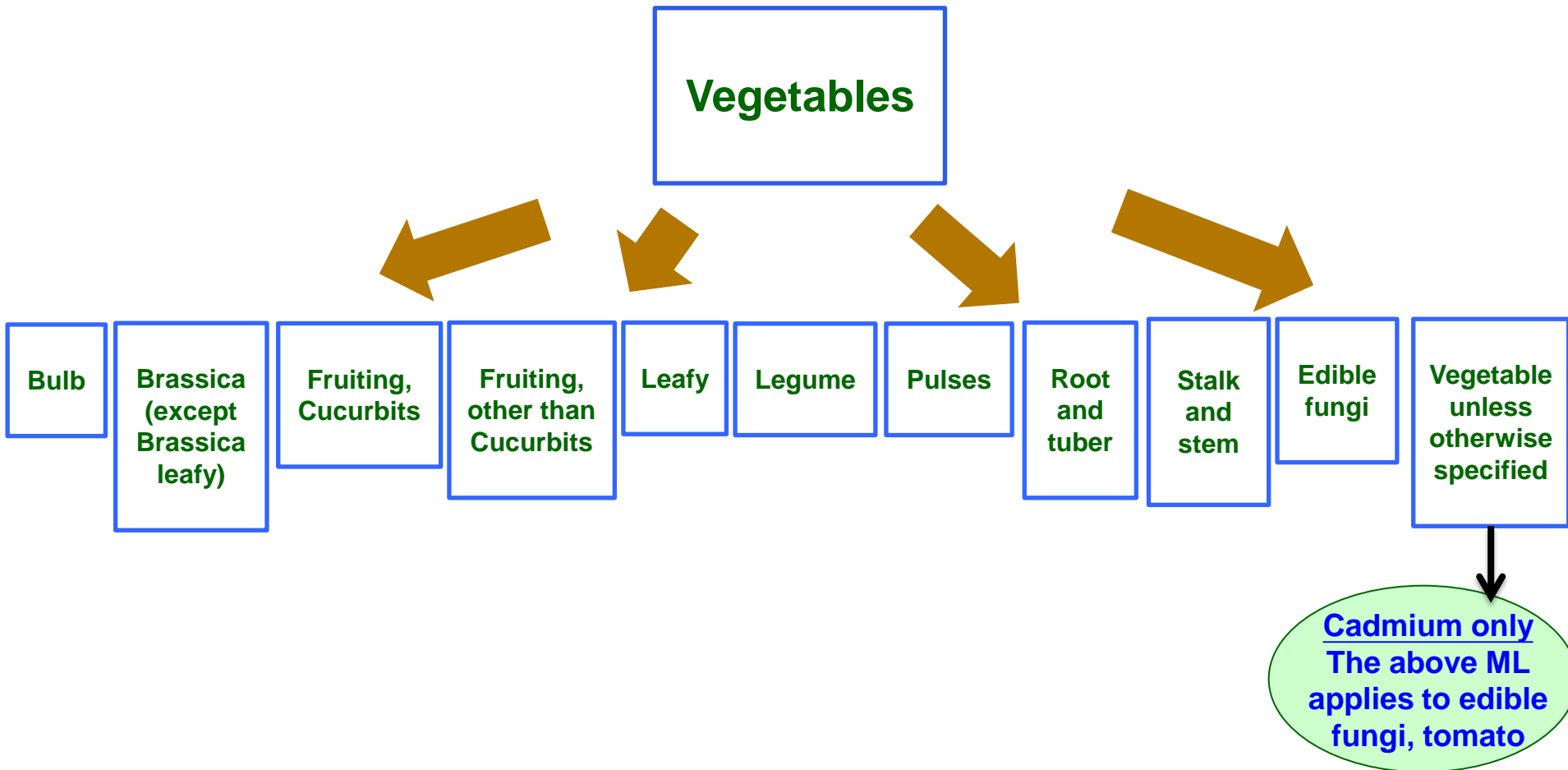
Wheat flour and maize flour
[Cereal grain milling fractions]

Others

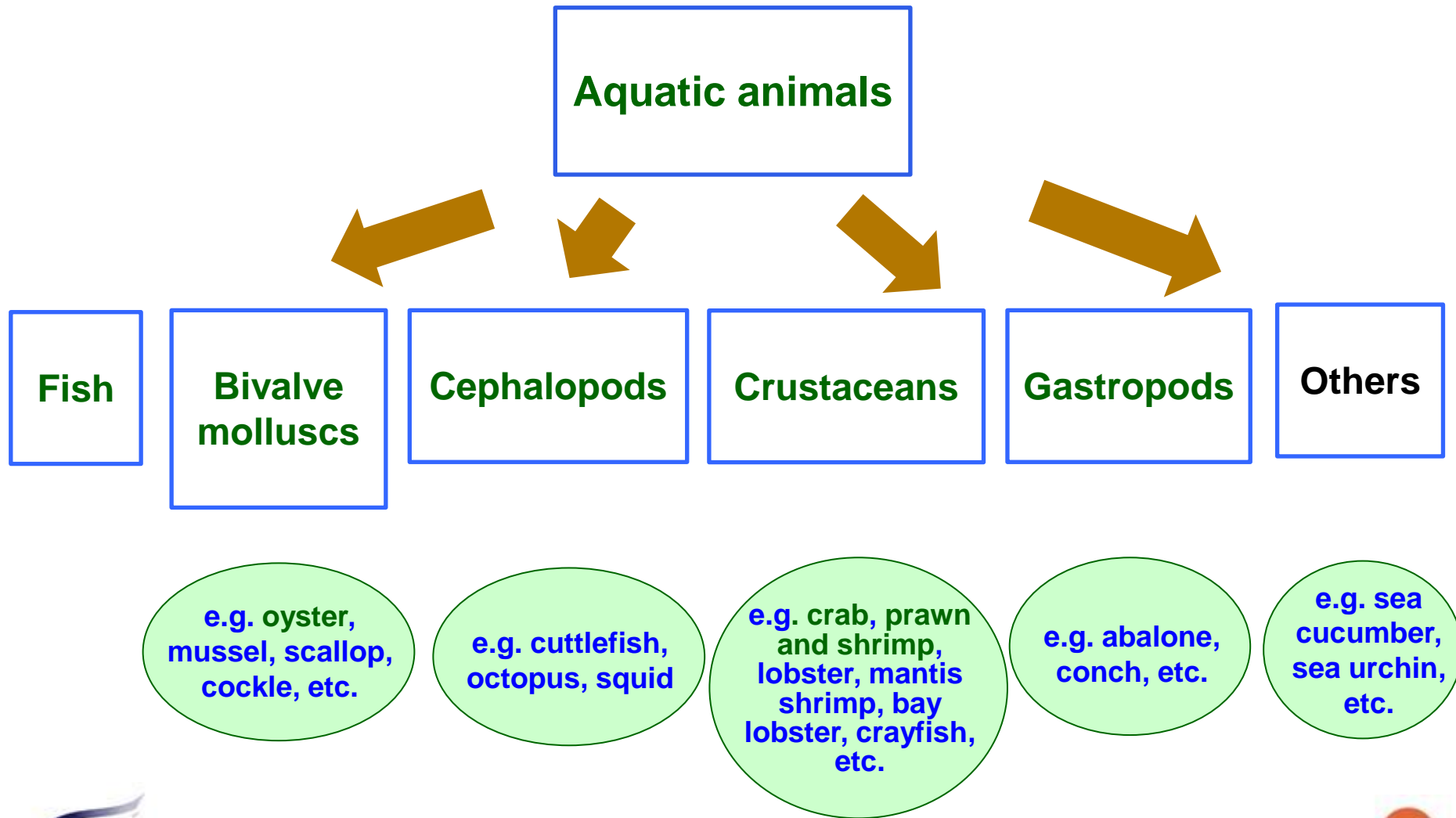
e.g. wheat bran,
wheat wholemeal,
rye flour, etc.



Vegetables



Aquatic animals



Milk and milk products

- **Milk**
- **Secondary milk product**
 - **Means skimmed milk, partly skimmed milk, evaporated milk and milk powder**



Canned food

- **Generally referred to food products which are processed in an appropriate manner, before or after being hermetically sealed in a container**



Other information

- Fruits include cranberry, currants and elderberry
- Codex classification for “Tea, Green, Black” does not cover dried chrysanthemum and Broadleaf Holly leaves



Other relevant Codex standards

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/list-standards/en/>

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Reference	Title	Committee	Last modified	EN	FR	ES	AR	ZH	RU
CODEX STAN 1-1985	General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods	CCFL	2010	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CODEX STAN 3-1981	Standard for Canned Salmon	CCFFP	2011	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊗
CODEX STAN 12-1981	Standard for Honey	CCS	2001	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CODEX STAN 13-1981	Standard for Preserved Tomatoes	CCPFV	2017	✓	✓	✓	⊗	✓	✓
CODEX STAN 17-1981	Standard for Canned Applesauce	CCPFV	2017	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CODEX STAN 19-1981	Standard for Edible Fats and Oils not Covered by Individual Standards	CCFO	2017	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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