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European Union comments on

Draft Standard for saffron

Agenda Item 5.2

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**Mixed competence
Member States vote**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to submit the following comments:

Section 8.3 Country of origin/country of harvest

In line with our comments under item 2, the EUMS consider that the country of harvest should always be mentioned on the label, since the country of harvest is more relevant than the country of origin. Furthermore, the EUMS support the optional indication of the region of production.

Section 8.5 Inspection mark (optional)

In line with our comments under item 2, the EUMS suggest deleting this section as no information is available on what exactly “inspection mark” means.

Table 1, Annex I and Table 2, Annex II

The EUMS suggest using terms “Class/Grade instead of a “category” in Tables 1 and 2 to be consistent with section 3.2.3.

The EUMS further suggest the following values for extraneous matter and foreign matter in Table 2 in order to be consistent with the corresponding ISO standard (3632-1):

Class/grade	Extraneous Matter % w/w (max)	Foreign Matter % w/w (max)
I	0.5	0.1
II	3.0	0.5
III	5.0	1.0