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**Proposed draft revision of the Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds at Step 4:  
Other selected vegetable commodity groups**

**(CX/PR 14/46/8)**

*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 revision of the Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds for the three commodity groups:

- Fruiting vegetables, cucurbits;
- Legume vegetables;
- Pulses.

The EU acknowledges that its comments made in the electronic working group have been considered and supports the advancement of the document **CX/PR 14/46/8** to the next step.

However, the EU would like to re-iterate two requests which have not been taken into account:

- a) The proposal to include the species Bambara groundnut (*Vigna subterranea*; syn: *Voandzeia subterranea*) and Kersting's groundnut (*Macrotyloma geocarpum*; syn: *Kerstingiella geocarpa*) in separate subgroups ("groundnuts"). Since the edible parts of these species develop underground, this classification would be more appropriate than the current proposal, which includes Bambara groundnut in the subgroup 14C "Succulent beans without pods" (as Legume vegetable) and Bambara groundnut and Kersting's groundnut in the subgroup 15B "Dried peas without pods" (as Pulses).
- b) The proposal to divide the Group 11 Fruiting Vegetables, Cucurbits in only two subgroups (edible and inedible peel), instead of three subgroups (edible peel, inedible peel-melons, inedible peel-winter squashes).

In addition the EU would like to underline a nomenclature discrepancy. In the Subgroup 14A Beans with pods, the entry VP 0061 is defined as "Beans, **except broad bean and soya bean**

*(Phaseolus spp.)*". The EU considers not necessary to mention here the species broad bean and soya bean, as they do not belong to the genus *Phaseolus*. This would be also in line with the similar entry VP 0062 (in the Subgroup 14C Succulent beans without pod), where the entry is "Beans without pods (*Phaseolus spp.*)".