

**European Union comments**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS**  
**Codex Circular Letter CL 2019/96/OCS-CCSCH :**  
**Request for Comments at Step 6 on the**  
**Proposed Draft Requirements for dried or dehydrated Basil**

*Mixed Competence.*  
*Member States Vote.*

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

**1. Section 2.1 Product definition and section 8.2 Labelling**

The EUMS question the inclusion “Field basil” - *Salvia occidentalis Sw.* - in Table 1, as this commodity does not seem to belong to *Ocinum sp.* If the entry is maintained, the product definition and the labelling sections should be modified. In such a case, the EUMS would favour the indication of the scientific name of the traded commodity in section 8.2.2.

**2. Section 8.3 Country of origin/country of harvest**

The EUMS consider that it should be clarified whether both the country of origin and the country of harvest shall be indicated on the label, or whether the indication of either the country of origin or the country of harvest could suffice.

The EUMS support maintaining the indication of the region of production as optional.

**3. ANNEX II**

A limit for color defects in Crushed/Rubbed/Flaked Basil is missing.