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**Comments of the European Community on**

**Codex Circular Letter CL 2004/2-EXEC:**

**PROPOSED DRAFT REVISED RECOMMENDED INTERNATIONAL  
CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PROCESSING AND HANDLING OF  
QUICK FROZEN FOODS**

The European Community would like to submit the following comments:

The Codex Secretariat is requesting an opinion on

*(a) whether the scope of the Code should apply to **quick frozen foods in general** (i.e. quick frozen (processed) fruits and vegetables, fish and fishery products, meat and meat products, fruit juice/purée/pulp concentrates, etc.) or **only to a food category** (e.g. quick frozen (processed) fruits and vegetables), and*

*(b) whether reference should be made to documents and guidelines which have not been developed by Codex.*

(a) Regarding the scope of the Code, the European Community is of the opinion that the Code should maintain a general scope and that the Code should apply to all quick frozen foods.

(b) Regarding the reference to documents and guidelines developed by other international bodies than Codex, the European Community is not opposed to reference being made to documents or guidelines which have not been developed by Codex, but references to those documents should be limited as much as possible.

The European Community notes that at this stage no technical comments are requested, but it wishes to mention that the EC will submit comments on the Draft Code at step 3 of the Codex procedure and in particular on the modifications made to the text version, which was distributed at the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.