

Additional

European Union comments

CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS

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Agenda Item 6:

**Proposed Draft Codex Standard for Black, White, Green Pepper
(CX/SCH 17/3/6)**

Mixed Competence.

Member States Vote.

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

Section 3 – Essential composition and quality factors

Table 4: The EUMS believe that all classes/ grades of black and white pepper should have the same moisture content and this should be no more than **12%**.

Section 8.2 - Name of the product

8.2.3 Origin of the product

The standard as currently drafted seems to request a compulsory indication of the place of origin.

The EUMS consider that, as per the *Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods*, an indication of origin should be declared if its omission would mislead or deceive the consumer.

We would be grateful for additional information on the rationale for requesting such an indication.