

European Union comments
CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS
Codex Circular Letter CL 2018/58/OCS-CCSCH:
"Request for Comments at Step 3 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:

Section 3.2.3 Odor, flavor and color:

According to this section the dried leaves of basil shall be greyish green in color. However, the colour depends on the treatment of the leaves. For example, the color of steam treated leaves is dark green with a moderate amount of brown leaves. We therefore suggest reconsidering the colour requirements based on the type of treatment of the leaves.

Section 9.1 Methods of Analysis:

A test method for color measurement is missing despite the setting of a color defect limit of 5 in ANNEX II. A method for color measurement should be considered.