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FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe

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European Union comments on

Agenda Item 5:

**Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission
and other Codex Committees**

**50th and 51st Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives
*Guidance on the alignment of food additive provisions and alignment plan***

(CX/EURO 19/31/7)

***European Union Competence
European Union Vote***

The FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO) has been informed about the alignment exercise performed by the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) (CX/EURO 19/31/7, paras 16 and 17).

The European Union would suggest that CCEURO takes the following conclusions:

CCEURO recognizes its responsibility for the Standard for Fresh Fungus “Chanterelle” (European Regional Standard), CODEX STAN 40R-1981 R. This standard does not contain food additive provisions.

According to Annex C to the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) there is a cross reference of the CODEX STAN 40R-1981 R to the food category 04.2.1.1 of the GSFA. Food category 04.2.1 is listed in the Annex to Table Three of the GSFA. Thus the use of food additives listed in Table Three in foods belonging to the food category 04.2.1 (including its sub-categories) is governed by the provisions in Tables One and Two.

CCEURO confirms that the use of food additives is technologically not justified in foods conforming to the CODEX STAN 40R-1981 R. Thus all current food additive provisions in food category 04.2.1.1 of the GSFA should be amended by adding the new note XS40R “Excluding products conforming to the Standard for Fresh Fungus “Chanterelle” (European Regional Standard) (CODEX STAN 40R-1981 R).

CCEURO requests CCFA to take the considerations above into account when proceeding with the alignment exercise.