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**Discussion paper on mycotoxin contamination in spices (prioritisation for
potential work on maximum levels for mycotoxins in spices)**

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*European Union Competence
European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU), as co-chair of the electronic working group, welcomes and appreciates the work on the discussion paper on mycotoxin contamination in spices prepared by the electronic working group led by India and co-chair Indonesia. .

The EU agrees with the priority list of spices on page 2 of the document for the setting of possible maximum levels (MLs) of mycotoxins in spices and agrees with the recommendation that the mycotoxins aflatoxins (total aflatoxins and aflatoxin B1) and ochratoxin A are to be considered as priority for the setting of ML in spices, taking into account the abovementioned priority list.

In table 1, for the entries 4) Bulgaria, 9) Czech Republic, 11) Finland and 19) Latvia (footnote (**)) to be added), the footnote (**)) has to be replaced as follows “** These countries are EU Member States. The maximum level established in the EU are also applicable in these countries for the spices covered by EU legislation. The levels mentioned in the respective entries are applicable only to the spices not covered by EU legislation.”

As Iceland and Norway have the same ML for mycotoxins in spices as the EU, the level of 15 µg/kg for ochratoxin A has to be added to entry 14 and 25.