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**European Union comments for the
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**Draft and proposed draft revision of maximum levels for lead in selected commodities in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CODEX STAN 193-1995)
(CX/CF 15/9/5)**

*European Union Competence
European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) welcomes and appreciates the work on the revision of the maximum levels for lead by the electronic Working Group led by the United States of America.

The EU in general supports the recommendations for the revision of the maximum levels for lead in selected commodities as expressed in document CX/CF 15/9/5

For fruit juices and nectars, ready-to-drink, the EU agrees to lower the ML to 0,03 mg/kg but considers that the exclusion for juices from berries and other small fruits should be limited to juices that are exclusively prepared from berries and other small fruits.

As regards the berries and other small fruits, the EU proposes to retain the existing ML for cranberry, currant and elderberry.

For fruiting vegetables, the EU agrees to lower the maximum level, but considers that the existing maximum level of 0,1 mg/kg should be maintained for sweet corn.