

Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables

(Working by correspondence)

European Union comments on CL/2020/43/OCS-PFV

Conversion of Regional Standard for Gochujang to Worldwide Standard

(Step 5/8)

REP20/PFV

Mixed Competence

Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Republic of Korea, Brazil, Philippines and United Kingdom for chairing the electronic working group for this draft Standard.

The EUMS would like to reiterate their comments provided at Step 4:

“The EUMS note that the regional standard for gochujang (CXS 294R-2009) lists individual food additive provisions, which were considered as technologically needed and justified for gochujang.

The standard, as other CCPFV standards, will be subject to the alignment with the GSFA in the future, so that its food additive provisions are appropriately captured in the GSFA and the list of additives in the standard could be replaced by a general reference to the GSFA. Until this exercise is carried out, the EUMS are of the view that the list of the individual food additives shall be maintained as any amendment of the food additive provisions would require the discussion on the technological need by the Committee.”

Consequently, the EUMS are of the view that the proposed draft standard is ready for adoption with the exception of the part of the draft that is devoted to food additives. The EUMS welcome the fact that CCPFV29 noted that the food additives, labelling and methods of analysis provisions would be forwarded to CCFA, CCFL and CCMAS respectively for endorsement. Further discussions should in particular take place in CCFA with the view to amend and finalise the provisions related to additives.