

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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**European Union comments on
Codex Circular Letter CL 2019/27- SCH:
DRAFT STANDARD FOR SAFFRON
(For adoption at Step 5)**

Mixed Competence

Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) do not object to the adoption of the Draft Standard for Saffron at Step 5.

However, the EUMS consider that the CCSCCH should further address physical and chemical parameters proposed for saffron, and in particular, the values proposed for picrocrocin, crocin and safranal.

The EUMS also believe that the current draft does not reflect the reality of the product currently traded and that saffron should be classified in three classes according to the levels of picrocrocin, crocin and safranal