

Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables

(Working by correspondence)

European Union comments on

Agenda item 3:

Conversion of Regional Standard for Gochujang to Worldwide Standard

(Step 4)

CX/PFV 19/29/3

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 and preparing the discussion paper.

The EUMS would like to provide the following comments:

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.