

European Union comments
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS
Codex Circular Letter CL 2020/28/OCS-CAC:
"Proposed Amendment of the Standard for Canned Sardines and
Sardine-Type Products (CXS 94-1981)"

European Union competence
European Union vote

The European Union (EU) has taken note of the request of the Philippines to modify the existing Codex Standards for Canned Sardines and Sardine-Type Products and of the relevant project document.

The EU considers that before proceeding with the work proposed in the above-mentioned CL, in accordance with the procedure for the inclusion of additional species in Codex standards for fish and fishery products, the Philippines should provide an estimate of the volume of stocks present in the natural environment. This is particularly relevant, since *S. lemuru* is included in the “IUCN Red List of Threatened Species”.

Equally, information should be given on the fat content, taste and size of *S. Lemuru*, as these parameters should not differ from the ones of the approved species of sardines currently listed in the relevant Codex standard.