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European Union comments on
Codex Circular Letter CL 2017/46-FA:
Request for proposals for change and/or addition to Section 3 of the
Class Name and International Numbering System for Food Additives
(CAC/GL 36-1989)

Mixed Competence

European Union Vote

In accordance with the principles for proposals for changes to section 3 "International Numbering System - INS" the European Union and its Member States (EUMS) kindly request the inclusion of one new food additive that has recently been authorised in the EU in the INS list.

The request concerns:

E 456 Potassium polyaspartate used as a stabilizer

More details are provided in the [Annex](#).

Annex

Inclusion of **E 456 POTASSIUM POLYASPARTATE** used as a stabilizer in the INS list.

The change is requested by the European Union.

Justification for the requested INS change in Section 3: New or additional technological purpose (*only select the appropriate option and provide details in the space below*)

- ✓ Evidence that the compound has been or is capable of being used effectively for the technological purpose proposed.
- A Codex Commodity standard has provisions for the use of the compound.
- The JECFA specification monograph lists the technological purpose under the heading “Functional Uses”.
- ✓ A national food authority has permitted such a use.
- ✓ The food industry is currently using a substance for the technological purpose proposed.
- Other justification, what?

Details: Potassium polyaspartate was inserted in the European Union list of food additives approved for use in foods in 2017¹. The technological need and function was scrutinised. Potassium polyaspartate acts as a stabiliser against tartrate crystal precipitation in wine (red, rosé and white wine).

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1399 of 28 July 2017 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards potassium polyaspartate (OJ L 199, 29. 7. 2017, p. 8).