

European Union comments
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Agenda Item 6
and Circular Letter CL 2021/01-FA

Proposed draft revision to the
International Numbering System for Food Additives (CXG 36-1989)
Comments at Step 3

Mixed Competence
European Union Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Belgium and Iran for chairing the electronic Working Group and preparing the discussion paper CX/FA 21/52/11.

The EUMS have the following comments on the conclusion and recommendations:

CX/FA 21/52/11, para 35

The EUMS support the changes to the INS list as presented in the annex 1 to CX/FA 21/52/11. The EUMS would like to inform the Codex members that an alternative class name will be used in the EU for INS 960c ‘enzyme modified steviol glycosides’: ‘enzymatically produced steviol glycosides’. **As INS is intended as a harmonised naming system for food additives, the EUMS propose that the committee would consider the name ‘enzymatically produced steviol glycosides’¹ for INS 960c.**

For INS 960d, the EUMS could also accept the shortened name of ‘glucosylated steviol glycosides’.

CX/FA 21/52/11, para 36

The EUMS agree with the approach to wait for the JECFA assessment and proposal for a name before including riboflavin from *Ashbya gossypii* and fungal amylase from *Aspergillus niger* in CXG 36-1989.

¹Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/1156 of 13 July 2021 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 steviol glycosides (E 960) and rebaudioside M produced via enzyme modification of steviol glycosides from Stevia. *OJ L 249, 14.7.2021, p. 87–98.*

CX/FA 21/52/11, para 37

a) The EUMS support the format of the overview of deleted INS numbers and names including an overview of re-used numbers as presented in the annex 2 to CX/FA 21/52/11.

b) The EUMS support keeping the overview of deleted INS numbers and names, including an overview of re-used numbers, as a separate information document that shall be updated when CXG 36-1989 is changed. **The EUMS do not consider it appropriate to include deleted INS numbers and names in INS CXG 36-1989. However, the EUMS could also accept that deleted numbers and names are captured in the reports of the INS EWG.**

c) The EUMS also agree that Name changes of food additives with no number changes are not included in this list.

CX/FA 20/52/11, para 38

The EUMS support that the next EWG continues working on an information table to keep track of deleted INS numbers.