

**European Union Comments**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES**  
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**AGENDA ITEM 3(a)**

**MATTERS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM FAO/WHO AND FROM  
THE 79TH MEETING OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT  
COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (JECFA)  
(CX/FA 15/47/3)**

*Mixed Competence.*

*European Union Vote.*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to submit the following comments:

Limits for lead in specifications of food additives for use in infant formulas

1- On whether specific purity criteria for additives for use in infant formulas should be considered and appropriate ways to present these criteria (e.g. establishing specifications for additives for use in infant formulas only or establishing different purity limits for additives for use in infant formulas in existing specifications)

The **EUMS support** the establishment of specific purity criteria in JECFA monographs for additives used in infant formulas. The EUMS would prefer the inclusion of such criteria pertaining to additives for use in infant formulas within the existing specifications monographs.

2- If separate specifications for additives in infant formulas were considered necessary, microbiological criteria should also be included.

The **EUMS support** the establishment of microbiological criteria, where appropriate, in JECFA monographs for additives used in infant formulas. The EUMS would prefer the inclusion of microbiological criteria pertaining to additives for use in infant formulas within the existing specifications monographs.