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**Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification
Systems (26th Session)**

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European Union comments on

Agenda Item 6:

**The proposed draft guidelines on the prevention and control of food fraud
(CX/FICS 23/26/6 and CL 2023/11-FICS)**

***Mixed Competence
European Union Vote***

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) appreciate the active participation of Codex members in the work of the EWG on food fraud.

The EUMS support the proposed draft guidelines as presented in Appendix 1 of document CX/FICS 23/26/6 with the following comments:

Paragraph 7:

The EUMS suggest deleting paragraph 7'

Rationale: The language of this paragraph would be appropriate for a discussion paper but not for Codex guidelines.

Paragraph 8:

The EUMS support deleting the text in square brackets and Annex 2 from the final text.

Paragraph 9 and footnote 3:

The EUMS oppose the inclusion of footnote 3.

Rationale: False labelling of geographical indications of a food product is a deliberate action to deceive others to gain an unfair economic advantage. It is thus an act of food fraud and must be covered by the guidelines.

Paragraph 9bis.:

The EUMS support retaining the text in square brackets as it is a useful clarification.

Paragraph 9bis.bis.:

The EUMS support retaining the text in square brackets as it is a useful clarification. However, the text should be reworded as follows:

“Additionally, ~~intentional adulteration~~, deliberate contamination of food in order to cause harm, is outside the scope of this guideline.”

Rationale: To avoid confusion with “intentional adulteration for economic gain”.

Paragraph 13(b):

The EUMS support retaining the text in square brackets as it is a useful recommendation for reducing vulnerability for food fraud.