

03/09/2019

**European Union comments on
Codex Circular Letter CL 2019/49-FA:
Request for general information on the availability of data related
to nitrates and nitrites**

*European Union Competence
European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) would like to provide the following comments:

The EU has already provided comprehensive data on nitrates and nitrites as a response to the CCFA51 EWG on nitrates and nitrites (see CX/FA 19/51/9, para. 27). The data provided by the EU included both natural occurrence data on nitrates and nitrites in food, including drinking water, and data for foods to which nitrites and nitrates were added as food additives.

As regards dietary exposure estimates, EU would like to refer to the EFSA's opinions on nitrates¹ and nitrites² from 2017 which capture the overall exposure as well as the exposure due to food additive uses.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/4787>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/4786>