

**European Union comments for the**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD**  
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**Agenda Item 5**

**Request for comments at steps 3 on proposed draft maximum levels of lead**  
**in selected commodities in the General Standard for Contaminants and**  
**Toxins in food and feed**  
**(CX/CF 19/3/5)**

*European Union Competence*  
*European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) welcomes and appreciates the work on the revision of the maximum levels (MLs) for lead by the electronic Working Group led by the United States of America.

In general, the EU considers that the MLs for lead should be lowered wherever possible.

As regards the proposed actions for the individual commodities, the EU would like to present the following position:

For **wine**, the EU can support an ML of 0.1 mg/kg for wine, made from grapes harvested after the date of the establishment of the ML.

For **fortified or liqueur wine**, the EU can support an ML of 0.15 mg/kg for wine, made from grapes harvested after the date of the establishment of the ML.

For **edible offal cattle**, the EU can support an ML of 0.15 mg/kg.

For **edible offal pig**, the EU can support an ML of 0.15 mg/kg.

For **edible offal poultry**, the EU can support an ML of 0.1 mg/kg.

With a view of simplification of enforcement, the EU would also like to suggest to CCCF to consider a single ML of 0.15 mg/kg for all three species.