

European Union comments for the
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD
14th Session

The Netherlands, TBD

Request for comments on work related to mycotoxins contamination
in cassava and cassava-based products

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Mixed Competence
Member States Vote

**COMMENTS ON THE CONSIDERATIONS OUTLINED
IN § 5 OF THE DOCUMENT**

- a) The EU and its Member States (EUMS) are of the opinion that it is appropriate to develop a code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava products.
- b) The EUMS are of the opinion that it is feasible to develop a Code of Practice based on the practices available to date, taking into account the information available on recommended practices applicable to pre-planting stage, to planting and pre-harvest stage, to harvest stage and post-harvest stages (§2 - §33 of CX/CF 20/14/12). If needed, the Code of Practice could be updated in a few years' time if new information on management practices becomes available in the meantime.
- c) The EUMS are of the opinion that there is no need to further develop the discussion paper as regards the management practices to prevent and reduce presence of mycotoxins in cassava and cassava products and that the work on the elaboration of the code of Practice can be initiated.
- d) The EU region lacks experience as cassava is not grown in the EU and we can therefore unfortunately not provide information on good management practices.
- e) It is the understanding of the EUMS that the scope of the code of practice relates to the prevention and reduction of in particular aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in cassava and cassava products. This should be clarified in the scope of the code of practice in case the title of the code refers still to mycotoxins in general.