

**European Union comments for the**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD**  
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**Agenda Item 2**

**Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission**  
**and/or its subsidiary bodies: Standard for Quinoa**

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*Mixed Competence*  
*European Union Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to comment on the CAC40 request to consider including quinoa in the MLs for lead and cadmium in cereals in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CXS 193-1995).

The EUMS are of the opinion that in order for CCCF to be able to take an informed decision regarding the extension of the existing maximum levels for cadmium and lead in cereal grains to quinoa, it would be appropriate to elaborate a discussion paper with an assessment of the world wide occurrence data. Therefore, at this stage, the EUMS cannot support the extension of the MLs for cadmium and lead in cereals to quinoa.