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European Union comments on

Agenda item 5

**Proposed Draft Standard for Ginseng Products
(CX/PFV 14/27/7)**

**Mixed Competence
Member States Vote**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to commend the Republic of Korea for excellent and thorough work in leading the electronic Working Group on ginseng products.

The EUMS support the proposed draft standard for ginseng products with the following comments:

- a) Under the chemical and physical characteristics in section 3.2.2 the content of water saturated n-butanol extracts indicates the content of crude saponin. To clarify this, the EUMS suggest adding the following footnote to point c in sections 3.2.2.1, 3.2.2.2.1 and 3.2.2.2.2: "**Indicating the content of crude saponin**". For the same purpose, the EUMS suggest modifying the sentence under the Scope of application in Annex B as follows: "This method can be applied for **the determination of the content of crude saponin of**~~the analysis of~~ dried ginseng extracts (liquid and powder forms)."
- b) Concerning the issue of whether or not ginsenoside Rg1 should be included in the quality factors, the EUMS have no particular preference.
- c) Section 8.1 indicating that sampling plan shall be in accordance with the *General Guidelines on Sampling* (CAC/GL 50-2004) appears redundant as the draft standard contains sampling plans which will be sent for endorsement by CCMAS.