

**Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session**

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**European Union comments on**

**Proposed Draft Standard for Cumin**

**Agenda Item 5, CX/SCH 15/02/05**

**Mixed competence  
Member States vote**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to make the following comments on the proposed draft standard for cumin.

**General comments**

The lay-out and provisions of standards for different herbs and spices will need to be aligned as far as possible.

**Specific comments**

**2.2 Styles**

Modify the order of the styles as follows:

- a) Whole
- b) ~~Ground~~ **Cracked**
- c) ~~Cracked~~ **Ground**

*Rationale:* The particle size of ground cumin is smaller than the particle size of cracked cumin.

**3.2.5 Chemical Characteristics**

The EUMS suggest deleting the content of cumin aldehyde as a quality parameter as it can vary a lot depending on the origin and harvesting conditions.

**5 Contaminants**

Delete the words "and/or veterinary drugs" in paragraph 5.2 as MRLs for veterinary drugs are not applicable to spices and herbs.

**8.2.2**

Add the following sentence in section 8.2.2.

"It may also include the method of production, i.e. cultivated, organic, or wild."

*Rationale:* It would be useful to include the production method as an optional labelling provision.