

**European Union Comments**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES**

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**AGENDA ITEM 3(b)**

**PROPOSED DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD  
ADDITIVES ARISING FROM THE 82<sup>ND</sup> JECFA MEETING**

**(CX/FA 17/49/4)**

*European Union Competence*  
*European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) would like to submit the following comments:

**Recommendation to review the specifications designated as “Full” for the food additives listed in Annex 1 part a**

*Food additives*

The EU would like to thank JECFA for preparing the draft specifications arising from the 82<sup>nd</sup> JECFA meeting. The EU supports the adoption of the specifications as drafted except for lutein esters from *Tagetes erecta* and pectins.

For lutein esters from *Tagetes erecta* (INS 161b (iii)) and pectins (INS 440) the EU noticed that the specifications contain references to secondary food additives (INS 161b (iii): “Usually food grade antioxidants are added to stabilize the product”; INS 440: “Sulfur dioxide may be added as a preservative; pectins may be mixed with suitable food-grade buffer salts required for pH control”).

The EU would like to remind that at the last CCFA session the decision how to address secondary additives was taken as follows: the Committee agreed to continue with the current practice to address the use of secondary additives by using notes within the current GSFA food category system (REP16/FA, para 136).

Therefore, the EU considers that the text which might be perceived as allowing the use of secondary additives via specifications is not appropriate and shall be removed.

*Food flavourings*

The EU noticed that some substances have a FLAVIS number which is not included in the draft specifications. The EU suggests including the following FLAVIS numbers in the specifications:

JECFA No	Name of the substance	FLAVIS No
2216	9-Decen-2-one	07.262
2218	1,5-Octadien-3-ol	10.057
2230	2,5-Dimethyl-3(2H)-furanone	13.119
2231	2,5-Dimethyl-4-ethoxy-3(2H)-furanone	13.117
2123	Glutamyl-valyl-glycine	17.038