

European Union comments
CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS
Codex Circular Letter CL 2019/95/OCS-CCSCH :
Request for Comments at Step 6 on the
Proposed Draft Requirements for Dried Clove

Mixed Competence.
Member States Vote.

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to submit the following comments:

1. Section 2.2 Styles

The EUMS consider that the text should further clarify that the ground/powdered form of the product should contain exclusively the “clove nail”, without other parts of the plant.

Controls have in fact revealed significant levels of claws in ground forms of cloves, which influence the quality of the product and do not respect fair trade practices.

2. Section 3.2.1 Odour, flavour and colour

It is suggested to replace “aroma” by “odour”.

3. Section 3.2.3 Classification (optional)

Annex I and II do not provide any information regarding classification into different grades.

4. Section 8.3 Country of origin/country of harvest

The EUMS consider that it should be clarified whether both the country of origin and the country of harvest shall be indicated on the label, or whether the indication of either the country of origin or the country of harvest could suffice.

The EUMS support maintaining the indication of the region of production as optional.

5. Annex II

Values for “Excreta, other” are missing.