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**European Union comments on
Circular Letter CL 2017/81–CPL
Requesting comments at step 6 on the Proposed Draft Standard for Quinoa**

Mixed Competence

Member States Vote

Section 5.1 states that "*The products covered by this standard shall comply with the maximum levels of the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CODEX STAN 193-1995).*"

However, the maximum levels for cadmium (0.1 mg/L) and lead (0.2 mg/L) in cereals grains listed in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (GSCTFF) (CODEX STAN 193-1995) specifically mention that these MLs do not apply to Quinoa.

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) therefore suggest that the CCCPL refers this matter to the CCCF for guidance to determine whether the MLs for cadmium and lead continue to not apply to Quinoa, or whether the note be removed so that the MLs for cadmium and lead apply to Quinoa.

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 containing this information for consideration at the next CCCF session (CCCF12).