

European Union Comments on
Codex Circular Letter CL 2016/28-PR:

Request for comments at Step 6 on Group 020 Grasses of Cereal Grains
(Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed)

European Union Competence
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The European Union (EU) notes that all the ‘main products’ present in the EU classification and listed in the Part A of Annex I to Regulation EC No 396/2005, are included in the proposed new cereal classification.

However, there are some discrepancies with the commodities present in the EU classification and listed in the Part B of Annex I to Regulation EC No 396/2005. In particular:

- The commodities Einkorn wheat/small pelt/one-grain wheat (*Triticum monococcum* subsp. *monococcum*) and Khorasan wheat (*Triticum turgidum* subsp. *turanicum*) are present in the EU classification linked to wheat. We suggest considering adding two specific lines in the subgroup 020A.
- The commodity Indian corn/flint corn (*Zea mays* var. *indurata*) is present in the EU classification linked to maize/corn. In the proposed Codex new classification this commodity is covered by the line “GC 0645 Maize (*Zea mays* L.), several cultivars, not including Sweet corn”. However, it is not present per se and we suggest considering adding a specific line in the subgroup 020D.
- The commodity GC 0643 Hungry rice (*Digitaria exilis* Stapf; *Digitaria iburua* Stapf.) is present in the EU classification under the two common names of White fonio (*Digitaria exilis*) and Black fonio (*Digitaria iburua*). We suggest considering adding two lines in the subgroup 020D, as synonyms of Hungry rice, as follow: “Fonio, white (*Digitaria exilis*), see Hungry rice GC 0643” and “Fonio, black (*Digitaria iburua*)”, see Hungry rice GC 0643.
- For the same reason, we suggest considering adding one line in the subgroup 020C, as synonym of Wild rice, as follow: “Indian rice, (*Zizania aquatica*) see Wild rice GC 0655”.

Some typos have been identified:

- In the scientific name of wheat (*Triticuma*), the "a" should be deleted;
- in the scientific names of Job’s tears, Millet bulrush, Teff or Tef and Wild rice, eastern, the Genera need to be separated from the species by a space.