

EU reply to CL 2022/26/OCS-SCH

PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARD FOR DRIED SEEDS - NUTMEG (at Step 6)

Mixed Competence
Member States Vote

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<p>Annex I Table 2</p>	<p>Replace „(dry basis)” with „(on dry basis)”</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> This formulation is usually used in other Codex standards and also in ISO 6577:1990 standard <i>Nutmeg, whole or broken, and mace, whole or in pieces (Myristica fragrans Houttuyn) – Specification</i>.</p> <p>Replace “Acid Insoluble ash, % mass fraction (drybasis)” with “Acid-insoluble ash, % mass fraction (on dry basis)”.</p> <p>Replace: “Volatile Oils content, (mL/100g) minimum” with “Volatile oils content, ml/100 g (on dry basis), min”.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> In ISO 6577:1990 standard volatile oils content is expressed on dry basis. For consistency, the same expression should be followed in the draft Codex standard. We also suggest using a short form for minimum as it is written for max in this table.</p>
<p>Annex I Table 3</p>	<p>Parameter “Mould visible, insect defiled/infested % w/w (max)” should be modified as follows: “Mould visible, insect defiled/infested % w/w (max)”. A new parameter should be introduced for mould with a value of 0 in all styles.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> In the ISO 6577:1990 standard it is said that “Nutmeg and mace shall be free from living insects and moulds...”.</p>

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<p>Annex I Table 3</p>	<p>The amount of insect fragments is too high in the style “broken”.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> ISO 6577:1990 standard states: “Nutmeg and mace shall be free from living insects and moulds, and shall be practically free from dead insects, insect fragments and rodent contamination”. The proposed amount of 100 pieces of insect fragments in 10 g of a spice is not consistent with the ISO provision.</p> <p>The table should be reordered: the parameters related to dead and live insects and insect fragments should be presented side by side.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> To improve the clarity of the document.</p>
<p>Annex I Table 2</p> <p>Annex II Table 3</p>	<p>The way of presentation of “max” and “min” in table 2 and 3 should be standardised, with or without brackets.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> To improve the consistency of the document.</p>
<p>Table 4</p>	<p>Add “on dry basis” to the following parameters: Total ash, Acid-insoluble ash, Water-insoluble ash, Volatile oils content, Calcium content expressed as CaO.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> To be consistent with Table 2.</p> <p>A moisture method (ISO 939) should be added to the following parameters: Total ash, Acid-insoluble ash, Water-insoluble ash, Volatile oils content, Calcium content expressed as CaO.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> In other Codex draft standards, for example for chilli peppers and paprika or for small cardamom, two methods are presented: for the parameter [provision] and moisture.</p> <p>Since parameters dead insect, insect fragments and rodent contamination are written together, then add to them also</p>

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	<p>“live insects” (the same ISO 927 method applies to all of them) or consistently write everything separately.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> To increase the clarity of the document.</p>