

Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables

(Working by correspondence)

European Union comments on

**Agenda item 4:
Conversion of Regional Standard for Chili Sauce to Worldwide Standard
(Step 4)
CX/PFV 19/29/4**

*Mixed Competence
Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank India for chairing the electronic working group and preparing the discussion paper.

The EUMS observe that CX/PFV 20/29/4 recommends replacing the list of individual food additive provisions with the general reference to the GSFA.

The EU can support this recommendation provided the suggested replacement is linked with the agreed alignment procedure as outlined in the “CCFA Guidance to Commodity Committees on the Alignment of Food Additive Provisions” (available at http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/committee/docs/INF_CCFA_e_01.pdf) so that the food additive provisions of the standard are appropriately captured in the GSFA. This approach is needed as there are differences in the permitted additives and use levels in the standard and in the GSFA.

The alignment according to the procedure will ensure consistency with the approach pursued. It will also guarantee that all additives and use levels needed and technologically justified in chili sauce are appropriately captured in the GSFA. At the same time the additive provisions in the GSFA which are not necessary for chili sauce, and for which the use need to be limited, for example due to possible exposure concerns, will not be extended to chili sauce.