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AGENDA ITEM 3b

**Proposed draft Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising
from the 79th JECFA Meeting**

(CX/FA 15/47/4)

Mixed Competence.

European Union Vote.

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

As regards the recommendation to review the specifications designated as “Full” for the food additives and flavourings listed in Annex 1 - part a:

2188 trans-alpha-Damascone the EUMS are of the view that the CCFA **should hold the adoption of the specifications** for this flavouring until the genotoxicity aspect is cleared by JECFA (see para 6, CX/FA 15/47/4). In addition, the EUMS would like the **name of the substance to be changed** to a more systematic name. The proposal for a new name is: *tr-1-(2,6,6-Trimethyl-2-cyclohexen-1-yl)but-2-en-1-one* (corresponding to FLAVIS No 07.226 in the European Union).

2192 2,4-Nonadiene the EUMS would like to inform that this substance was withdrawn from the EU list of flavouring substances which can be used in food (corresponding FLAVIS No 01.078). Additional toxicological data was requested by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the industry representatives informed that the substance is no longer supported.

As regards the recommendation to consider withdrawal of the specifications for flavouring agents – part b:

The EUMS agree with the proposal to withdraw the specifications for the flavouring 2,5-dimethyl-3-acetylthiophene (JECFA No 1051) as the substance was considered inappropriate to be used in food.