

**European Union comments for the  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD  
13<sup>th</sup> Session**

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**Agenda Item 14**

**Request for comments on the discussion paper on the development of a code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa (CX/CF 19/13/12)**

*Mixed Competence*

*Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) welcome the work on the development of a code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa by the electronic Working Group chaired by Peru and co-chaired by Ghana and Ecuador.

The EUMS support the development of the code of practice because sufficient information on mitigation measures is available for field production and post-harvest processes.

The EUMS would like to comment on the suggested option under paragraph 7 of the project document of requesting new work by JECFA for developing a new risk analysis based on the tolerable weekly intake of cadmium in chocolate and cocoa derived products. The EUMS question the usefulness of such request, as this should only be considered when new toxicological data have become available.