

European Union comments for the
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD
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Agenda Item 9:

**Revision of the code of practice for the prevention and reduction of lead
contamination in foods (CXC 56-2004)**
(CX/CF 21/14/9)

(CL 2021/14/OCS-CF)

Mixed Competence
Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) welcome the work on the revision of the code of practice for the prevention and reduction of lead contamination in foods by the electronic Working Group chaired by the United States and co-chaired by the United Kingdom and Japan.

The EUMS thank the electronic Work Group for taking into account their comments on CX/CF 20/14/9.

The EUMS suggest replacing in paragraphs 7 and 54 '*food contact substances*' with '*food contact materials*'.

The EUMS support the proposed draft revision of the code of practice and consider that is ready for final adoption by the CAC44 (2021).

The EUMS agree to recommend the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) to request JECFA:

-to review the lead specifications for diatomaceous earth and charcoal;

-to evaluate bentonite to determine if available data support the development of a lead specification.