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Discussion Paper on the Revision of Limits of Oleic and Linoleic acids in sunflowerseed oils in the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CODEX STAN 210-1999)

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Mixed Competence
Member State Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Argentina for leading the work on the revision of the discussion paper.

The EUMS acknowledge the data presented by Argentina and Brazil suggesting that in some cases sunflower seed oil produced in warmer climatic conditions may exceed the limits set in Codex Stan 210 for oleic acid. However, there are also data demonstrating that sunflower oil produced in exceptionally warm conditions fits within the range set in the standard. Therefore, the EUMS see no urgent need to revise the current oleic and linoleic acid ranges for traditional sunflower seed oils. The EUMS are also concerned that the proposed revision could compromise the identity and authenticity of the traditional oils and obscure the distinction between traditional and mid oleic sunflower oils.

For the above reasons, the EUMS do not support the new work as proposed in Appendix I of document CX/FO 17/25/10.