

European Union Comments

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS

CIRCULAR LETTER 2012/31-FFP - POINT 8:DRAFT STANDARD FOR RAW, FRESH ANDQUICK FROZEN SCALLOP PRODUCT

Mixed Competence.

Member States Vote.

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to propose the following comments on the draft standard for raw, fresh and quick frozen scallop products:

2. Description:

The EUMS would like to slightly modify the definitions in sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 in order to make it clear that addition of phosphates only apply to frozen scallop meat and roe-on scallops and not fresh products.

Modification proposal:**2.1.3 Quick Frozen Scallop Meat or Roe-on Scallops Processed with Added Water and with solution of water and phosphates**

Quick frozen “scallop meat”, or **quick frozen** “Roe-on scallops”, with added solutions of water and/or phosphates contain the products defined in 2.1.1. and 2.1.2, and a solution of water and/or phosphates and optionally salt.

2.1.4 Fresh Scallop meat, Roe-on Scallops with added water

Fresh scallop meat or roe-on scallops **processed** with added water contain **only** the **fresh** products defined in 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and added water.

The proposed text clarifies that the definition in point 2.1.3.is related to both quick frozen products.

5. Contaminants

Editorial remark: Footnote 4 to be deleted in the text.

8. Sampling, examination and analysis

The EUMS fully support the text under Section **8.7 'Determination of added water'** and propose to remove the square brackets.

†« In order to check the conformity with subsections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, a country may establish a scientifically supported criterion. Where a country has relevant scientific information on the characteristics of the scallop species it exports, it may approach an importing country to discuss the implementation of this criterion on a species by species basis. »‡

9. Definition of defectives

9.4 Parasites

The EUMS are of the opinion that the mention « objectionable level » should be subject to interpretation.

Being aware that zero parasite is not practicable, we would suggest modifying the sentence by **« Products covered by this Standard shall not contain readily visible living parasites. »**

If the parasites are **readily** visible, the product should not be placed on the market, especially if it is fresh product to be eaten raw (possibly).

9.6 Exceeding level of added water

The EUMS fully support the sub section '9.6 Exceeding level of added water' and propose to remove the square brackets. To be kept in accordance with 7.3.

Moreover, it is well indicated in 2.2.2 and 2.2.3, that the amount of added water shall be controlled and accurately measured for labelling purposes.