

**European Union comments on the  
Proposed Draft Standard for Processed Cheese  
(CL 2015/2-MMP)**

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Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) wish to thank New Zealand and Uruguay for their efforts in leading the work on a Codex standard for processed cheese.

The EUMS are pleased to offer their comments on the proposed draft standard. (Additional comments may be expected from individual Member States of the EU.)

**General comments**

While recognising the progress made in the physical working group in Brussels in January 2015, the EUMS note that a number of key issues in the proposed draft standard remain unresolved. For this reason the EUMS are concerned as to whether further efforts to find an agreement for a Codex standard for processed cheese can be successful.

**Specific comments**

**4. Food additives**

The EUMS can agree with the proposed functional classes with the understanding that the functional class of thickeners is included in the list in order to clarify that there is no technological need for thickeners in processed cheese. The EUMS will have further comments on proposals for individual food additives under each functional class when these proposals become available.

**7.3 Declaration of cheese content**

The EUMS support retaining the square bracketed sentence as drafted.