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**Response of the European Union to
Codex Circular Letter CL 2013/17-PFV
Draft Codex Standard for Certain Canned Fruits, Annex on Mangoes**

Concerning the provisions in Section 4 – Food Additives, the European Union would like to reiterate its position that the use of colours is not technologically justified in canned mangoes and could mislead consumers.

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TO: - Codex Contact Points
- Interested International Organizations

FROM: Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT STEP 6 ON THE DRAFT CODEX STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN CANNED FRUITS AND CERTAIN QUICK FROZEN VEGETABLES¹**

DEADLINE: **15 November 2013**

COMMENTS: **To:**
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BACKGROUND

1. The 26th Session of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (October 2012) agreed to advance the proposed draft Codex Standard for Certain Canned Fruits (general provisions applying to all canned fruits and specific provisions for canned mangoes)² and the proposed draft Codex Standard for Quick Frozen Vegetables (general provisions applying across these products)³ to the 36th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2013) for adoption at Step 5. The Commission adopted these texts as proposed by the Committee and advanced them for comments at Step 6⁴.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the draft Codex Standards for Certain Canned Fruits⁵ and Quick Frozen Vegetables⁶ in light of the discussion and decisions taken at the 26th Session of the Committee. In making comments, special attention should be attached to those sections in square brackets in particular the use of colours⁷ in canned mangoes and submit technological justification following the guidance provided in the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission⁸ while considering the relevant provisions of the *General Standard for Food Additives* (CODEX STAN 192-1995) (food category 04.1.2.4 Canned or bottled (pasteurized) fruit) when available and appropriate.

3. Comments provided on methods of analysis will be forwarded to the electronic Working Group on Methods of Analysis⁹ established by the Committee with a view to make proposals for consideration by the 27th Session of the CCPFV for incorporation in the relevant sections of these standards.

¹ Reports of Codex meetings are available on the Codex website: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/> by subsequently clicking on Meetings and Reports, 2012.

² REP13/PFV, Appendix III.

³ REP13/PFV, Appendix V.

⁴ REP13/CAC, Appendix IV.

⁵ REP13/PFV, paras. 39-80.

⁶ REP13/PFV, paras. 81-86.

⁷ REP13/PFV, paras. 72-73.

⁸ Relations between commodity committees and general subject committees (food additives). Format for Codex commodity standards (food additives). Section II, Elaboration of Codex Texts. Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

⁹ REP13/PFV, paras. 51 & 85.