

## **Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables**

### **(Working by correspondence)**

#### **European Union comments on CL/2020/44/OCS-PFV**

#### **Conversion of Regional Standard for Chili Sauce to Worldwide Standard (Step 5/8) REP20/PFV**

#### ***Mixed Competence Member States Vote***

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank India for chairing the electronic working group for this draft standard.

The EUMS would like to reiterate their comments provided at Step 4:

“The EUMS observe that CX/PFV 20/29/4 recommends replacing the list of individual food additive provisions with the general reference to the GSFA.

The EU can support this recommendation provided the suggested replacement is linked with the agreed alignment procedure as outlined in the “CCFA Guidance to Commodity Committees on the Alignment of Food Additive Provisions” (available at [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/codexalimentarius/committee/docs/INF\\_CCFA\\_e\\_01.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/committee/docs/INF_CCFA_e_01.pdf)) so that the food additive provisions of the standard are appropriately captured in the GSFA. This approach is needed as there are differences in the permitted additives and use levels in the standard and in the GSFA.

The alignment according to the procedure will ensure consistency with the approach pursued. It will also guarantee that all additives and use levels needed and technologically justified in chili sauce are appropriately captured in the GSFA. At the same time the additive provisions in the GSFA which are not necessary for chili sauce, and for which the use need to be limited, for example due to possible exposure concerns, will not be extended to chili sauce.”

Consequently, the EUMS are of the view that the proposed draft standard is ready for adoption with the exception of the part of the draft that is devoted to food additives. The EUMS welcome the fact that CCPFV29 noted that the food additives, labelling and methods of analysis provisions would be forwarded to CCFA, CCFL and CCMAS respectively for endorsement. Further discussions should in particular take place in CCFA with the view to amend and finalise the provisions related to additives.