

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS**

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**European Union Comments**

**Agenda Item 4.1:**

**Proposed draft amendment / revision to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210-1999): Inclusion of Avocado Oil**

**(CX/FO 24/28/4 and CL 2023/57/OCS-FO)**

*Mixed Competence  
Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank to the Electronic Working Group chaired by Mexico and co-chaired by the USA for updating the draft **Standard for avocado oil**.

Avocado production is a recent and rapidly growing industry in regions where this product was not previously common, largely due to changing climate conditions. Therefore, the enlargement of area of production is likely to impact the composition of the oil. The EUMS would like, therefore, to submit the following comments:

PARAGRAPH	COMMENTS	
<b>Table 1</b>	<b>Fatty acid</b>	<b>Avocado oil</b>
	<b>C16:0</b>	<b>11.0 – <del>26.0</del> <u>27.0</u></b>
	<b>C18:1</b>	<b><u>39.0</u> 42.0 – 75.0</b>
	<b>C18:2</b>	<b>7.8 – <del>19.0</del> <u>22.0</u></b>
<p>Rationale: New available data about qualitative characteristics of avocados showed a slightly different composition from that proposed in Table 1. Therefore, the EUMS propose these changes to the values in this table.</p>		

<p><b>Table 3</b></p>	<p>Campesterol: 4.0 – <del>8.3</del> <b><u>11</u></b></p> <p>Beta-sitosterol: [79.0] - 93.4</p> <p>Delta-7-stigmastenol: ND - [1.0]</p> <p>Total sterols (mg/kg): [3000] – <del>6500</del> <b><u>7500</u></b></p> <p>Others: [ND] - 2.0</p> <p>Rationale: The value of 6500 could exclude some avocado oils produced in Africa and Europe. The values supported originate from data of companies working with avocados from West Africa and samples from avocado oils originating from some European countries.</p>
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