

**Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables  
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**EU comments on the  
Proposed Draft Annexes for Canned Pears and Canned Pineapples**

**Agenda item 3b, CX/PFV 14/27/4**

**Mixed Competence  
Member States Vote**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) support the proposed draft Annex I on pears with the following comments:

**Section 3.1**

In general, the EUMS are of the view that the use of colours is not technologically justified in canned pears as it could mislead consumers. Therefore, the EU does not support the proposed reference to the colours used in accordance with Tables 1 and 2 in Food Category 04.1.2.4 or listed in Table 3 of GSFA. However, the current standard on pears (CODEX STAN 61-1981) permits the use of certain colours in "special holiday packs". If such derogation is still valid and needed in some countries, the EU can accept maintaining it in the revised standard.

**Section 4.1**

The minimum drained weight is adapted for containers with a volume of more than 425 ml but, considering the size of fruits, it is too high for containers with a volume less than 425 ml. Therefore, the EUMS suggest a new table for minimum drained weight:

Style	Containers $\leq$ 425 ml	Containers > 425 ml
a) Whole Style	46 %	50%
b) Halves, Quarters, Slices, Pieces	46%	53%
c) Diced	50%	56%

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) support the proposed draft Annex II on pineapples with the following comment:

The order of Section 3 (Weights and measures) and Section 4 (Food additives) should be reversed to follow the structure of the body of the standard.