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European Union comments on

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Methods of analysis for canned fruits and quick frozen vegetables

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Mixed Competence

Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank the United States for leading the work on this item. The EUMS would like to make the following comments.

- a) The method for the analysis of salt-free dry matter in spinach is not described in the quick-frozen spinach standard (CODEX STAN 77-1981), only stating the analytical characteristics of this parameter. It would be necessary to define a method to determine the NaCl content. It could be a chloride selective electrode potentiometric method, and in this case a method for determination of moisture in spinach should be stated, for example AOAC method 984.25, to express the results in dry matter.
- b) Concerning lead and tin in canned fruits, these are considered contaminants and maximum levels are provided in the *Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed* (CODEX STAN 193-1995). CGSCTFF also has provisions on methods of analysis (criteria approach). There should thus be no provisions on methods of analysis for lead and tin in the commodity standard.