European Union comments on

CL 2021/36/OCS-FO

Request for comments on the proposals for new work and or amendments to existing Codex Standards

Mixed Competence
Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) support the process outlined in paragraph 5 of CL 2021/36/OCS-FO.

Concerning the project documents for new work contained in document CX/FO 21/27/8, the EUMS have the following comments:

Part I (Camellia seed oil):
The first sentence of section 2 (Relevance and timeliness) of the project document should be deleted as it suggests that camellia oil may be marketed as a substitute to olive oil. Data on composition (sterols and tocopherols) should be completed.

Part II (Mahua oil):
Mahua oil is not defined as other named vegetable oils, but the name is used for several oils of different botanical origin. This approach has to be clarified in the definition and has to be agreed on by all Codex Members (Indian illipe butter versus Malaysian illipe butter). Data on composition (fatty acids, sterols and tocopherols) as well as data on chemical and physical characteristics should be completed and given in the same format as for other oils in CSX 210-1999. For example, ranges should be given for the individual and total sterols and for tocopherols - not single values or only upper limits. Trans fatty acid isomers will occur in refined oils so they are not mentioned in the table for fatty acid composition. As a natural product it should show a range of compositional variation.

Part III (Sacha inchi oil):
All data in tables (fatty acids, chemical and physical characteristics, sterols and tocopherols) should be completed and given in the same format as for other oils in CSX 210-1999.

Part IV (Revision to the *Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads* CXS 256-2007):
The EUMS oppose renaming "margarine" as "plant butter" as this would mislead the consumer and go against *General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms* (CXS 206-1999). The EUMS also oppose replacing the well-established term "fat spread" with the term "plant spread".