

European Union comments

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Agenda Item 10 b):

Discussion Paper on "Further Processing" within the Scope of CCSCCH Standards

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*Mixed Competence.
Member States Vote.*

The European Union and its Member States would like to submit the following comments:

Section 3 "Way forward/Recommendations"

Paragraph 3.3.a:

- The EUMS understand that packaging into consumer ready packaging does not modify the characteristics of the commodity itself. Hence, it should not be considered as "further processing". Therefore, the wording of the last sentence in paragraph 3.3.a should be amended as follows:
 - *"a. **Further Processing:** Activities necessary to transform spices and herbs from raw agricultural commodities into finished, ready-to-eat product for direct consumption by individuals or use by commercial enterprises including catering purposes or in formulated food products. These steps may include: cleaning, sorting, sifting, grinding, grading, ~~packaging into consumer ready packaging and/or, bulk containers which are intended for repackaging into consumer size containers.~~ "*
- The EUMS would like a clarification of what is intended by "formulated food products" and we would suggest to include a definition of "formulated food products" in the "Glossary of terms".