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**European Union comments on
Codex Circular Letter CL 2018/29-FA**

**Request for comments on the proposed amendments to the descriptors of
FCs 14.1.4.2 and 14.1.5**

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The European Union (EU) would like to provide the following comments:

Amendments to the descriptors of FC 14.1.4.2 and FC 14.1.5

The EU would like to thank the Codex Secretariat for proposing the amendments to FC14.1.4.2 and FC 14.1.5. The EU observes that the proposed amendments could have an impact on the food additive uses related to the products falling within the mentioned categories. The EU notes that “ready-to-drink coffee or tea beverages” are currently referred in both categories. As the first step the EU seeks a clarification as regards the rationale for the scope of the descriptors of those food categories when originally established. This would allow the Committee to take an informed decision on the proposed amendments.

In addition, the EU offers the following points for a consideration:

- The food category 14.1.4.2 refers to ‘flavoured drinks’. Was not the intention to include in this food category only ‘coffee and tea flavoured drinks’ whilst ‘coffee and tea based beverages’ should fall in the food category 14.1.5?
- The title of the food category 14.1.5 includes the word ‘hot’. Does it mean that this food category includes only ‘hot beverages’ (or mixes or concentrates for hot beverages)? Is this the case for ‘the canned ready-to-drink products’ referred in the descriptors of the category 14.1.5 as well?