

**European Union comments on
Codex Circular Letter CL 2024/23-FA**

**Request for comments at Step 3 on the proposed changes and/or addition to
the *International Numbering System for Food Additives* (CXG 36-1989)**

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The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Belgium for chairing the electronic Working Group and preparing the discussion paper CX/FA 24/54/9.

The EUMS would like to submit the following comments:

- The EUMS support the changes to the INS list as presented in the Annex to CX/FA 24/54/9.
- The EUMS support not to include the function of carrier for sodium ascorbate (INS 301) as INS 301 already contains the function of antioxidant that fits the use in nutrient preparations. The use of INS 301 as a carrier in nutrient preparations is not recognised in the EU.
- The EUMS also support not to include phycocyanin produced by bacteria for use as a blue colour until proper authorization, including an official name, is substantiated by a Codex Member.