

**Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)  
5<sup>th</sup> Session**

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**European Union comments on**

**Draft Standard for dried basil**

**Agenda Item 6**

**CX/SCH 21/5/7**

**Mixed competence  
Member States vote**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Egypt for leading the electronic working group on dried basil.

The EUMS would like to provide the following comments:

**Section 8.3 Country of origin/country of harvest**

In line with our comments under item 2, the EUMS consider that the country of harvest should always be mentioned on the label, since the country of harvest is more relevant than the country of origin. Furthermore, the EUMS support the optional indication of the region of production.

**Section 8.5 Inspection mark (optional)**

In line with our comments under item 2, the EUMS suggest deleting this section as no information is available on what exactly “inspection mark” means.

**ANNEX II**

The EUMS propose to delete the 'colour defects' column in Table B of Annex II, because colour is not the right parameter for a global standard. This was already agreed in eWG, since basil colour depends on the type of post-harvest treatment that is used. The eWG also agreed to include instead a sentence clarifying this point. The sentence has been included at the end of point 3.2.1, but the colour defects are still in the Table B in Annex II.