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Proposed draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed:

Selected vegetables commodity groups

Group 020 –Grasses of cereal grains

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European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group led by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the proposed draft revision of the Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds, in particular for the crop group 020 – Grasses of cereal grains.

The EU contributed to the Electronic Working Group with a comprehensive reply, supported by data, giving the rationale for its position. The EU is grateful that elements of this have been taken into account and welcomes the Canadian and Japanese compromise proposals, both setting out five subgroups as a step forward.

The EU in particular welcomes that wheat and barley have been clearly separated, as it was demonstrated by the data collected by the EU. This is necessary in order to take into account the different residue levels and behaviour of the two crops.

The EU is still not in favour of merging the group of pseudocereals with the groups "wheat" or "barley". We believe that it would be more appropriate to keep the pseudocereals in a different group, given the differences in cultivation practices, yield, residues behaviour and levels.