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European Union Comments on

Agenda Item 4.3:

**Review of methods of analysis in CXS 234:
Processed fruits and vegetables workable package
(CX/MAS 23/42/6 and CL 2023/48/OCS-MAS)**

Mixed Competence

Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) congratulate the Electronic Working Group (EWG) led by The United States of America for their excellent job in reviewing the processed fruits and vegetables workable package.

The EUMS support the endorsement of the proposed revisions to CXS 234 and suggest to discuss the proposal to list certain processed fruits and vegetables in parenthesis under “Processed Fruits and Vegetables” in the Physical Endorsement Working Group.

Several inconsistencies in the terminology used to describe the method principles, in particular in relation to work done during the review of the Dairy and the Cereals, pulses and legumes workable packages were observed and will be brought forward during the physical Working Group meeting. In particular, the EUMS recommend to harmonise throughout CXS 234-1999 how method principles such as ‘gravimetry’ for moisture determination (‘drying’ either with or without mentioning the temperature), and for ash determination (‘ashing’ or ‘incineration’ either with or without mentioning the temperature) are described. Furthermore, it is unclear why for the provision ‘fill of container’ the method principle is given as ‘weighing’ and not as ‘gravimetry’.