The European Community supports the Proposed Draft Revision to the Codex General Standard for Irradiated Foods at step 5. However, the European Community would like to inform that in addition to the reservations already expressed in the 33rd session of CCFAC concerning the deletion of the specific maximum dose of 10 kGy in chapter 2.2 and 5.3, it will ask for the following amendments during the 34th session of CCFAC:

1. During the 33rd session of CCFAC the European Community asked to include in chapter 4.1 (Alinorm 01/12 A - Appendix VII) as a condition for the treatment of foods by ionising radiation "a benefit to consumers". This has been accepted by CCFAC. The European Community is proposing to delete and change the paragraph as follows:

"The irradiation of food is justified only when it fulfils a technological need and is a benefit to consumers or where it serves a food hygiene purpose and should not be used as a substitute for hygiene practices or for good manufacturing practices." 

2. Chapter 6.2 requests that labelling of prepackaged foods should indicate the treatment by ionising radiation and should in all aspects be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Codex Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods. The latter Standard does not provide for the labelling of ingredients within a compound ingredient if the compound ingredient constitutes less than 5% of the food. The European Community wishes however that the treatment of ingredients by ionising radiation is declared in any case on the label of prepackaged foodstuffs, irrespective of the proportion of the ingredients in the final foodstuffs. This could be achieved by adding at the end of chapter 6.2

"; except that the treatment of an ingredient of a compound ingredient by ionising radiation should be indicated irrespective of the proportion of the compound ingredient in the final foodstuff."