Additional European Union comments on

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PART A – MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 35TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

The European Union (EU) would like to submit the following additional comments:

The EU does not support the adoption of the proposed Maximum Level (ML) of 200 mg/kg for sorbates in Food Category 08.4 (Edible casings). The proposed ML is not sufficient to achieve its technological function in collagen casings (i.e. to ensure that mould growth on collagen casing for the production of sausages is inhibited). Due to the technical nature of this matter the EU would like to request that this matter is referred back to the Codex Committee on Food Additives to further consider the use of food additives in this Food Category.