European Union comments

on Codex Circular Letter CL 2013/8-FA/

Matters for adoption by the 36th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Part A).

Draft and Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Steps 8 or 5/8 of the Procedure

1- FOOD ADDITIVE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA) (CODEX STAN 192-1995), AT STEP 8, 5/8 REP13/FA PARA. 101, APPENDIX VI

The EU supports the adoption of the food additive provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives. However, the EU would like to introduce a general reservation to the adoption of all the provisions for aluminium containing food additives and would like to stress the importance it attaches to further restricting the exposure to aluminium from food additive uses (including aluminium lakes of colours and food additives containing aluminium impurities). The EU would also like to stress the necessity to seek alternatives to aluminium as a food additive.

Mixed Competence / European Union Vote

3- SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD ADDITIVES ARISING FROM THE 76TH JECFA MEETING, AT STEP 5/8, REP13/FA PARA. 125, APPENDIX X

The EUMS do not object to the adoption of the specifications for the identity and purity of food additives arising from the 76th JECFA meeting. However, the EUMS would like to express a general reservation to the JECFA 76 specifications as food additive specifications should be related to the substances and not to the preparations.