European Union Comments

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AGENDA ITEM 7 a)

Draft Revision of the Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds:
Selected Vegetable Commodity Groups
(CX/PR 13/45/8)

European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) welcomes and appreciates the further work done by the electronic working group led by the Netherlands and the United States on classification.

The EU agrees with the proposals of the eWG with the following specific comments:

Appendix 1 Vegetables Group 010

Name of the group “Brassica (cole or cabbages) vegetables, Head cabbages and Flowerhead brassicas”

The name of the group could be simplified as “Brassica vegetables (except Brassica leafy vegetables)”

Rationale:
The name of the group as it stands now repeats two of the three subgroups names: Flowerhead Brassicas and Head Brassicas (repeated as ‘Head cabbages’), but it doesn’t mention the third subgroup (Stem Brassicas).
This incomplete repetition of the subgroups names in the name of the group is not necessary and confusing.
A simplification of the name of the group is therefore proposed, mentioning the exception of the Brassica leafy vegetables, which constitute the subgroup 013B in the group 013.
Appendix 2 Vegetables Group 013

In the introduction it should be corrected that group 013 consists of 8 subgroups (A to H) instead of 5 subgroups (A to E). The following groups should be added in the introduction:

013F Witloof
013G Leaves of Cucurbitaceae
013H Baby leaves

Appendix 2 Group 013A Leafy greens VL 0477 Goosefoot

It is proposed to add the word “leaves” behind goosefoot.

Rationale:
The addition seems necessary since some varieties of Chenopodium seeds are known in some areas as a cereal like products (called quinoa). The seeds of these plants are also consumed.