European Union Comments

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AGENDA ITEM 7 b)

Proposed Draft Revision of the Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds:
Other Selected Vegetable Commodity Groups
(CX/PR 13/45/9)

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 to distinguish between “terrestrial” and “aquatic” root and tuber vegetables due to different agricultural conditions of growing. Any further differentiation of “terrestrial” root and tuber vegetables into the Subgroup 16A root vegetables and 16B tuberous and corm vegetables appears not comprehensible and a further explanation about the reasons – beside the botanical ones – is needed. Regarding the assessment of residues this differentiation seems not necessary.

Subgroup 16A Root vegetables

a) VR 2941 Chik
   It seems that Kudzu is the better known name of this plant.

b) VR 2942 Cumin, black root
   According to EPPO Bunium persicum is black caraway and not black cumin.
**Subgroup 16B Tuberous and corm vegetables**

a) VR 0584 Chinese artichoke
   It is proposed to enter the complete scientific name *Stachys affinis*.

b) VR 2973 Chinese potato
   It is proposed to add the synonyms *Coleus rotundifolius* and *Solenostemon rotundifolius*.

c) VR 2976 Elephant foot yam
   It is proposed to correct the scientific name to *Amorphophallus paeoniifolius*.

d) VR 2977 Gastrodia tuber
   It seems that the root is only used for medical purpose.

e) VR 2980 Mashua
   It is proposed to correct the scientific name to *Tropaeolum tuberosum*.

f) VR 2982 Yacon
   It is proposed to add the synonym *Polymnia sonchifolia*.

**Subgroup 16C Aquatic root and tuber vegetables**

a) VR 3002 Ol-bang-gae
   According to FAO¹ *Eleocharis kuroguwai* Ohwi is a weed.