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Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed:
Transfer of Commodities from Class D – Processed Food Commodities of Plant Origin to Class C – Primary Animal Feed Commodities

Comments submitted in reply to CL 2019/19-PR submitted by European Union, Kenya and Nigeria

European Union

*European Union Competence
European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group (eWG) on the revision of the Classification of food and feed chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the draft on the revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds.

The EU agrees that commodities should be included or retained in Class D and not transferred to Class C "also when a small part of the total quantity of a product is used as food and most of it is intended as animal feed".

The EU does not express its support on the proposed transfer of commodities from Class D to Class C, as it needs more time to assess whether some of the items can reasonably be expected to be consumed as food.

Kenya

*Comment:* Kenya supports the proposed changes for moving commodities within Type 03 from other groups i.e. sweet corn (corn and cob) sweet corn (whole kernel) from the vegetable group to the cereal group to exclude both sweet corn from the new group CXL of cereals. The note "excluding sweet corn" has to be added to be added to the code GC 0080 Group cereal grains and the code GC 0081 subgroup of cereal grains except pseudo cereals. At the same time the groups CXLs of vegetable group and the subgroup fruiting vegetables and other cucurbits has to be added to both sweet corns. We support under Type 05 commodities moving to herbs and spices from other groups, pepper leaves moved from the leafy vegetable group to the Herbs and spices groups. To exclude pepper leaves from the new group CXLs of herbs and spices the note “excluding pepper leaves” has to be added to the group code HH0092 herbs and the subgroup code HH 2095. Kenya supports the existing CXLs for herbs HH0092 has to be individual CXL to those commodities.

*Rationale:* This is in line with CCPR49 decision that specific CXLs of the old group CXL for the relocated commodity will keep its existing CXL and at the same time the commodity will be excluded from the new group CXLs. The exclusion of the CXL from the new group CXL will be done in the column notes. After evaluation by JMPR it may be appropriate to implement the CXL of the new subgroup and withdrawal of the CXL of the old group.

Nigeria

Nigeria supports the work of the EWG on the proposed transfer of commodities from Class D- processed Food Commodities of Plant origin to Class C on Primary Animal feed Commodities.