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**PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE CODEX CLASS NAMES AND INTERNATIONAL
NUMBERING SYSTEM (CAC/GL 36-1989)**

Comments at Step 3 in response to CL 2005/32-FAC by European Community

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Comments on this Codex Circular Letter from the European Community and its Member States have previously been circulated and included in CX/FAC 06/38/14. However, The European Community and its Member States (ECMS) would like to make the following **additional comment** to those previously circulated.

The ECMS agree that the functional class 'bleaching agent' is included in the Codex class names. A substance acting as a bleaching agent would fall within the food additive definition. However, the ECMS consider that the use of bleaching agents have the potential to alter the nature of the raw material or the quality of foodstuff and in such a way that it could deceive the consumer e.g. hide undesirable methods during the preparation of the food. Therefore, the ECMS would like to remind the CCFAC that before allowing the use of bleaching agents in food categories the CCFAC should carefully assess the potential of such use to mislead the consumer.