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Agenda Item 4

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DRAFT ADVISORY LISTS OF NUTRIENT COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES INTENDED FOR INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: PART D ADVISORY LIST OF FOOD ADDITIVES FOR SPECIAL NUTRIENT FORMS: PROVISIONS ON GUM ARABIC (GUM ACACIA)

- Comments at Step 6 of the Procedure -

Comments from:

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

*European Community Competence.
European Community Vote.*

The European Community still considers that the maximum level of gum arabic (INS 414) in ready-to-eat food should be 10 mg/kg.

There is no technological need for a higher level of the substance when related to the finished product.

The comments submitted by AIDGUM (International Association for the Development of Natural Gums) is confirming this position underlining that the higher level of 100 mg/kg of gum arabic is related to the use of this substance as a food ingredient (nutrient compound) rather than to the finished product and that the level of gum arabic in the finished product will be less than 10 mg/kg.