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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**

### **CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS**

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#### **COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THE DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE REDUCTION OF PATULIN CONTAMINATION IN APPLE JUICE AND APPLE JUICE INGREDIENTS IN OTHER BEVERAGES IN RESPONSE TO CL 2002/29-FAC**

The following comments have been received from European Community,:

#### **EUROPEAN COMMUNITY:**

With regard to the draft Code of Practice for the Prevention of Patulin Contamination in Apple Juice and Apple Juice Ingredients in Other Beverages (ALINORM 03/12, Appendix XI), the European Community wishes to reiterate its comment concerning the presence of patulin in fermented products  
Para 2 of the draft Code indicates alcoholic fermentation of fruit juices destroys patulin and therefore fermented products such as cider will not contain patulin. It is however important to mention that patulin has been observed in apple cider where apple juice was added after fermentation.