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**REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL WORKING GROUP ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARD  
FOR PROCESSED CHEESE**

**(submitted by the European Union)**

**European Union**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank France and New Zealand for leading the physical working group in charge of revising the proposed draft standard for processed cheese.

The EUMS were very disappointed of the outcome of this working group held in Brussels in January 2009.

Recognising the impossibility to reach an agreement on several issues, including composition and cheese content, the EUMS would not object discontinuing this work.

Taking in addition into account the fact that the existing standards on processed cheese are totally outdated and not used by the industry, the EUMS would support the revocation of the following texts:

- Codex General Standard for Process(ed) Cheese and Spreadable Process(ed) Cheese (Codex Stan 286-1978)
- Codex General Standard for Process(ed) Cheese Preparations (Process(ed) Cheese Food and Process(ed) Cheese Spread) (Codex Stan 287-1978)
- Codex General Standard for Named Variety Process(ed) Cheese and Spreadable Process(ed) Cheese (Codex Stan 285-1978)