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**COMMENTS ON PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARD FOR BLACK, WHITE, GREEN PEPPER
(BWG PEPPER)**

European Union

*Mixed Competence.
Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMs) would like to thank India, Indonesia and Cameroon for the Proposed Draft Codex Standard for BWG Pepper.

Specific Comments:

| Paragraph and section number | Original text | Proposed amended text | Reason for the change/inclusion |
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| 1. Scope | This standard applies to dried or dehydrated peppers (Black, White and Green - abbreviated as BWG) from berries of <i>Piper nigrum</i> L. of the <i>Piperaceae</i> family, offered for industrial food production and for direct consumption or for repacking if required. It excludes BWG peppers for industrial processing. | This standard applies to dried or dehydrated peppers (Black, White and Green - abbreviated as BWG) from berries of <i>Piper nigrum</i> L. of the <i>Piperaceae</i> family, offered for industrial food production and intended for direct consumption or for food when intended to be mixed with other products for direct consumption without further processing. repacking if required. It excludes BWG peppers for industrial processing. | Clarification and in line with UNECE standard layout for dry and dried produce. |
| 3.2.3 Classification | BWG Peppers may be traded under three classes/grades (intended for direct consumption/industrial food production) according to physical and chemical requirements as specified in table 2, 3 and 4. (a) Class I /Grade I (b) Class II/Grade II (c) Class III/Grade III | BWG Peppers may be traded under three classes/grades (intended for direct consumption/industrial food production) according to physical and chemical requirements as specified in table 2, 3 and 4. (a) Extra Class I/ Extra Grade I (b) Class II/Grade II (c) Class III/Grade III | In line with the classification in other Codex Committees (CCFFV). |
| 3.2.3 Classification | *4 Pinheads - Unfertilized berries with a diameter of less than 2 mm with more angularity than normal berries, they have soft texture (collapse under heavy pressure) and have less odour and flavour than pepper berries. | *4 4* Pinheads - Unfertilized Berries developed from unfertilized flowers with a diameter of less than 2 mm with more angularity than normal berries, they have soft texture (collapse under heavy pressure) and have less odour and flavour than pepper berries. | Clarification. |