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MAXIMUM USE LEVELS OF PULLULAN (INS 1204) (IN RESPONSE TO CL 2006/40-FA, PART 1)

<u>The following comments have been received from the following Codex Members: Brazil and the European Community</u>

Brazil:

Pullulan is not authorized in Brazil yet but this additive will be proposed in "Mercosul" to the food category 6.3 Breakfast cereals as glaze. So, there aren't categories of table 3 in discussion.

European Community:

The European Community is not in a position to offer proposals for maximum use levels of Pullulan (INS 1204) in the food categories listed in the Annex 3 to Table 3 of the GSFA. However, we would like to note that the European Food Safety Authority has assessed the safety of Pullulan only for its use in the coating of food supplements in capsule and tablet form and in breath fresheners micro-sweets in the form of films. EFSA concluded that if higher levels of use or other uses were to be requested then more data might be required.

Based on EFSA's opinion and the data available, Pullulan is currently permitted in the European Community for use in the two above mentioned food categories only.