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AGENDA ITEM 6

**Proposed Draft Revision to the International Numbering System (INS) for
Food Additives (CAC/GL 36-1989)**

(CX/FA 17/49/12)

Mixed Competence.

European Union Vote.

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Iran for chairing the electronic Working Group and developing the discussion paper.

The EUMS would like to provide the following comments on the proposed draft changes and/or additions to the INS as outlined in Annex 1 to CX/FA 17/49/12:

Table 1, Trehalose

The EUMS do not support listing of trehalose in CAC/GL 36-1989.

The EUMS consider that trehalose, a naturally occurring disaccharide, is a food ingredient that does not fall under the Codex definition of a food additive.

Table 2

The EUMS do not support the proposed deletion of substances listed in Table 2 of CX/FA 17/49/12.

The use of those substances is currently recognised in the GSFA therefore the EUMS do not consider appropriate to delete them from the INS list.

If some Members or interested International Organisations are of the view that there are safety concerns as regards certain substances listed in the GSFA or that such substances cannot be classified as food additives, the CCFA has another appropriate tools how to address such issues (i.e. requesting JECFA to re-assess the safety in the former case or requesting a revision of the adopted food additive provisions in the GSFA in the latter).