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**Discussion paper  
on the impact of relocation of *Vigna* spp. under beans on the CXLs for Peas  
(CX/PR 16/48/6)**

*European Union Competence*

*European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) would like to thank Thailand for the preparation of the Discussion Paper on the impact of relocation of *Vigna* spp. under Beans on the CXLs for Peas.

The EU believes that the title of the Discussion paper does not correctly address the issue. In our view the purpose of the Discussion paper is to discuss the impact of the relocation of *Vigna* spp. from 'Peas' to 'Beans' on the CXLs for *Vigna* spp. It is our understanding that the situation for the group of 'peas' remains unchanged and that simply one genus would be removed from this group and placed under the group of 'Beans'. Our comments are therefore drafted with a view to this understanding of the discussion.

The EU supports the recommendation (1) presented in the Discussion Paper, which allows the extrapolation of the CXLs of *Phaseolus* spp. to *Vigna* spp. This recommendation is in line with the system currently in place in the EU in which the same MRLs apply to *Phaseolus vulgaris* and *Vigna* spp.

The EU notes that when moving *Vigna* spp. under 'Beans' in some cases the CXLs will increase, in some other cases they will decrease and in several cases the CXLs will remain unchanged. These changes are overall considered acceptable to the EU as we believe that the new classification would reflect more accurately the strong similarities between the genera *Phaseolus* and *Vigna*. As outlined in paragraphs 10-13 of CX/PR 16/48/6 strong morphological similarities exist. Furthermore, growing practices and use patterns are similar since major pests and diseases are the same for the two genera.

As regards the recommendation (2), the EU would like to note that in case the recommendation (1) is agreed, it will not be necessary to combine the lines *Phaseolus* spp. and *Vigna* spp., as requested in the recommendation (2).

In the case of beans with pods, the two lines:

- VP 0061 Beans with pods (*Phaseolus* spp.)
- VP 2840 Beans with pods (*Vigna* spp.)

should remain separate given that the CXLs of VP 0061 are proposed to apply also to VP 2840 following extrapolation. The same principle should be valid for the respective lines in the groups legume vegetables without pods (VP0062 and VP2843) and dried beans (pulses) (VD 0071 and VD 2891).

In addition, the EU underlines that in the document CX/PR 16/48/12 (under discussion in Item 8(g)) on the 'Examples of selection of representative commodities (vegetable and other commodity groups)' the extrapolation from Beans with pods (*Phaseolus* spp.) to Beans (*Vigna* spp.) is already foreseen.

In conclusion, the EU agrees with recommendation (1) of the Discussion Paper, but does not see the necessity to implement recommendation (2). The actual wording of the eWG proposal reflects the existence of two genera of beans and is in line with the seven criteria for crop grouping in the classification for food and feed.

Furthermore, the acceptance of the recommendation (1) alone, will not require any change in the classifications proposed by the eWG on crops grouping for the groups 14 (legume vegetables) and 15 (pulses) in the document CX/PR 16/48/7 (items 8(a) and 8(b)).