

European Union Comments

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Proposed draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed:

Selected vegetables commodity groups

Group 021: Grasses for sugar or syrup production

(CX/PR 16/48/10)

European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group led by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the proposed draft revision of the Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds, in particular for the crop group 021 – Grasses for sugar or syrup production.

The EU classification of the sugar producing plants differs quite substantially from both the actual Codex classification and from the recommendation in document CX/PR 16/48/10.

While in the Codex classification only the sugar producing grasses are considered, the EU classification considers a wider range of sugar producing plants, classified in subgroups depending on the part of the plant from which the sugar (or syrup) is obtained.

The EU is open to discuss the different options in more detail and would like to suggest that the electronic working group further examines whether a wider range of sugar producing plants should be considered before taking a final decision. In these considerations an evaluation according to the seven criteria set out in Appendix III to document CX/PR/16/48/10 is needed.