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Draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed:

Selected vegetables commodity groups

Group 011: Fruiting vegetables, cucurbits

(CX/PR 16/48/8)

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 011 – Fruiting vegetables, cucurbits.

The EU supports the proposed Compromise Option 3 as set out in document CX/PR 16/48/8. While the system in the EU is based on the classification of cucurbits according to the "edibility" or "inedibility" of their peel, the EU acknowledges that different eating habits exist around the world and considers it important to find a compromise solution.

The EU has contributed to the Electronic Working Group with extensive data showing that Compromise Option 3 is consistent with the seven criteria for crop grouping, mentioned in Appendix IV of **CX/PR 16/48/8**.

The EU therefore supports advancing the document to the next step.