

European Union comments on
Codex Circular Letter CL 2016/25-MMP:
Request for Comments on the draft Standard for Dairy Permeate Powders
(Step 6)

Mixed Competence
Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) welcome the opportunity to submit comments on the draft standard for Dairy Permeate Powder at Step 6.

The EUMS take note of the decision of the 39th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission to adopt the proposed draft Standard for Dairy Permeate Powders at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6 for further comments.

The EUMS also note that no consensus has been reached on the use of additives and in particular anticaking agents in dairy permeate powder.

Specific comments on section 4: Food additives

The EUMS would like to reiterate that dairy permeate powders are produced in the European Union without resorting to the use of anticaking agents and the EUMS are not aware of the technological necessity for their use. In fact, applying standard processes and equipment to lactose crystallisation allows for the production of dairy permeate powders without anticaking agents.

The EUMS would welcome information on the technological justification for the use of anticaking agents. As the draft standard differentiates between dairy permeate powder, whey permeate powder and milk permeate powder, the EUMS would welcome detailed reference to the type of anticaking agent(s) used in each product and to the conditions of use.

In the absence of such information, the EUMS would support the advancement of a standard that does not allow for the use of additives.