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European Union comments on
Codex Circular Letter CL 2016/7-FA
Request for proposals for change and/or addition to Section 3 of the
Class Name and International Numbering System for Food Additives
(CAC/GL 36-1989)

In accordance with the principles for proposals for changes to section 3 "International Numbering System - INS" the European Union (EU) kindly requests the inclusion of one new food additive that has recently been authorised in the EU in the INS list.

The request concerns:

E 534 Iron tartrate used as an anticaking agent

More details are provided in the Annex.

Annex

Inclusion of **E 534 IRON TARTRATE** used as an anticaking agent in the INS list.

The change is requested by the European Union.

Justification for the requested INS change in Section 3: new or additional technological purpose (*only select the appropriate option and provide details in the space below*)

- ✓ Evidence that the compound has been or is capable of being used effectively for the technological purpose proposed.
- A Codex Commodity standard has provisions for the use of the compound.
- The JECFA specification monograph lists the technological purpose under the heading “Functional Uses”.
- ✓ A national food authority has permitted such a use.
- ✓ The food industry is currently using a substance for the technological purpose proposed.
- Other justification, what?

Details: Iron tartrate has been authorised for use as a new food additive in the EU in 2015¹. The technological need and function was scrutinised. There is a technological need for the addition of an anticaking agent to salt and its substitutes in order to improve flow properties and to avoid the formation of hardened agglomerates when exposed to moisture and during storage. Iron tartrate acts efficiently as an anticaking agent and could be used as an alternative to other anticaking agents commonly used in salt and salt substitutes such as ferrocyanides (INS 535-538) and silicon dioxide silicates (INS 551-553).

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1739 of 28 September 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the use of the iron tartrate as an anti-caking agent in salt and its substitutes (OJ L 253, 30. 9. 2015, p. 3).