

## European Union comments

### Circular Letter CL 2017/44–CPL:

#### Comments at step 5 on the Proposed Draft Standard for Quinoa

##### *Mixed Competence*

##### *Member States Vote*

##### **General comments:**

The CCCPL refers the following matter to the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF):

The maximum levels for cadmium (0.1 mg/L) and lead (0.2 mg/L) in cereals grains listed in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (GSCTFF) (CODEX STAN 193-1995) note that these MLs do not apply to Quinoa.

Therefore, the CCCPL refers this matter to the CCCF for guidance to determine whether the MLs for cadmium and lead continue to not apply to Quinoa, or whether the note be removed so that the MLs for cadmium and lead apply to Quinoa.

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) are of the opinion that before being able to take an informed decision regarding the extension of the existing maximum levels for cadmium and lead in cereal grains to quinoa, it would be appropriate to elaborate a discussion paper containing this information for consideration at the next CCCF session.

##### **Specific comments:**

The EUMS would like to propose the following amendment:

##### **3.2.7 Size**

The table should be corrected as follows:

Grain Size	Range [mm]
<b>Large</b>	<del>1.8</del> <b>1.7 to 2 mm</b>