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**European Union comments for the
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD
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**Request for comments at step 3 on proposed draft maximum levels for
cadmium in chocolate and cocoa-derived products
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*European Union Competence
European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) welcomes the work on the revision of the maximum levels for cadmium by the electronic Working Group chaired by Ecuador and co-chaired by Brazil and Ghana.

The EU can agree with the proposed MLs and performance criteria. The EU agrees to postpone the establishment of MLs for intermediate cocoa products as data in GEMS Food database does not reflect all origins.

The EU sees no immediate need for specific MLs for chocolate with more than 50% total cocoa solids with appellation of origin.