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**European Union comments in reply to
Codex Circular Letter CL 2016/6-MMP:
Request for comments:**

Report on the Draft General Standard for Processed Cheese

Mixed Competence

Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank New Zealand for their efforts to find a way forward on this difficult issue.

The EUMS take note of the comprehensive analysis performed by New Zealand and the recommendations presented in the report circulated for comments in CL 2016/6-MMP.

The EUMS take note of the continuous differences among members on a number of key issues (i.e. scope, product composition, food additives and labelling) and also note that these differences are on the same issues which had impeded advancement of the draft standard.

While acknowledging the progress made so far, the EUMS wish to underline that due consideration should be given to the above identified critical issues if further progress in the Step process is to be achieved.