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**CODEX COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES  
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**European Union Comments on**

**Agenda item 4**

**Use of examples in Codex standards**

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*Member States Competence*

*Member States Vote*

The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) thank the Codex Secretariat for the analysis and recommendations on the use of examples in Codex standards.

The MSEU concur with the Codex Secretariat's conclusions that sufficient guidance and tools are available for Codex committees to deal with examples when committees consider them useful and necessary. The MSEU further agree with the Codex Secretariat's recommendation that specific guidance is probably not practical due to the diverse nature of examples and their use.

Nevertheless, CCGP could recommend to CAC that the guidance currently given to CCFH in the Procedural Manual "*Guidelines on the elaboration and/or revision of codes of hygienic practice for specific commodities*" could be extended to all committees. CAC could advise them that Codex texts should be drafted in a sufficiently clear and transparent manner such that extended explanatory material is not required for their interpretation.