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SAMPLING
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**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE *GENERAL GUIDELINES ON
SAMPLING (CXG 50-2004)***

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank New Zealand for the work done and for leading the eWG.

The EUMS welcome the recommendations made by the eWG and support the project document for the new work on the revision of CXG 50-2004 with the general aim to improve the readability for the intended audience of the current version of the standard. In particular, the development of an electronic sampling plan tool/app has great potential to foster the appropriate design of sampling plans by Codex Commodity Committees.

The examples given in the document illustrate very well the aims the revision of the Guideline shall work towards.

Concerning the project document, the EUMS would like to stress that under that Point (a) as regards criteria applicable to general subjects, the improved guidelines should enable the development of more suitable sampling plans for all relevant Codex standards and not only for Codex Commodity standards.

Furthermore the EUMS are of the opinion that it would be appropriate to make specific reference in the project document (Appendix I, under ongoing work) or in the outline of a new CXG 50 (Appendix III) to:

- The FAO mycotoxin sampling tool (<http://tools.fstools.org/mycotoxins/>)
- The FAO/WHO microbiological sampling plan analysis tool (<http://tools.fstools.org/Samplingmodel/>)
- The FAO/WHO histamine sampling tool (<http://tools.fstools.org/histamine/>)