

**European Union comments for the
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD
14th Session**

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Agenda Item 2:

**Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission
and/or its subsidiary bodies
(CX/CF 21/14/2)**

Mixed Competence

European Union Vote

MATTERS FOR ACTION: Recommendations for endorsement by CCCF

Paragraph 22: Actions to consider in relation to the CCMAS request

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) acknowledge that the General Standard for Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) should be the single reference point for methods of analysis and sampling and that therefore the General methods of Analysis for Contaminants (CXS 228-2001) should be transferred to CXS 234-1999.

The EUMS are of the opinion that prior to this transfer the provisions of CXS 234-1999 should be updated. The EUMS prefer to list performance requirements for the analytical methods, rather than listing approved methods. In case the approach would be continued to list approved methods for the analysis of heavy metals, 'Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS)' should be added and 'anodic stripping voltametry' and 'colorimetry' should be deleted, because these are outdated techniques.