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CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD
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**Proposed draft revision of the Code of practice for the prevention and
reduction of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in food and feed**

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*Mixed Competence
Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) welcome and appreciate the work on the revision of the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in food and feed by the electronic Working Group led by the European Union.

The EUMS have following comments on the proposed draft Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of dioxin and PCB contamination in food and feed as presented in Appendix I of CX/CF 18/12/8

As regards §39: In addition to "*the purchaser and user should pay attention to*" it could be stipulated that the "the purchaser and user should request guarantees from their supplier as regards the origin and compliance with guideline levels or maximum levels.

As regards §41: the first sentence should be deleted.

As regards §42 the following sentence could be considered to be added after the first sentence: "In case of elevated levels, decontamination by e.g. use of active carbon, should be considered."

As regards §46: it is proposed to replace "fatty acid and deodorizer distillates" by "fatty acid distillates and deodistillates". "refingin" should read "refining".

As regards §69: there is no evidence that chlorine containing cleaning agents can result in additional dioxin contamination. Therefore this paragraph has to be deleted.

As regards §83: it is proposed to use the wording "informing their employees" instead of the wording "educating their employees"

As the document was only made recently available, the EUMS wish to point out that the above comments are not exhaustive and additional comments may be made at the meeting of CCCF.