

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND  
SAMPLING  
(38<sup>th</sup> Session)**

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**European Union Comments on**

**Agenda item 4**

**GUIDANCE ON THE CRITERIA APPROACH FOR METHODS WHICH  
USE A 'SUM OF COMPONENTS'**

*Mixed Competence  
Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) acknowledge the excellent work of the eWG led by the United Kingdom which advanced this topic to a stage where it can be endorsed as an Information Document for use in Codex.

The EUMS agree with the main conclusion of CX/MAS 17/38/4, i.e. that no generic approach exists for deriving performance criteria for methods of analysis which use the sum of components; instead they need to be derived on a case by case basis. The examples given illustrate well possible approaches and should be updated if new developments arise.

The Committee is invited to consider adding to the Procedural Manual a note which explains that an Information Document exists providing guidance on the criteria approach for methods which use a sum of components.