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**CODEX COMMITTEE ON
METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING
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European Union Comments on

Agenda item 2

Matters Referred to the Committee

**Part A. Decisions of the 37th session of the Commission Related to the Work
of the Committee**

Methods for Determination of Marine Biotoxins

***European Union Competence
European Union Vote***

The European Union (EU) strongly supports the classification of the methods for determination of marine biotoxins endorsed by CCMAS35.

The EU sees no justification to reconsider the classification of the mouse bioassay (MBA). Indeed, the typing of the methods in question was done in accordance with the provisions of the Procedural Manual (*Principles for the establishment of Codex methods of analysis*).

The EU looks forward to a fruitful discussion in CCMAS36 to develop objective criteria for biological methods.