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**Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification
Systems (26th Session)**

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European Union comments on

Agenda Item 8:

**Discussion paper on review and update of the *Principles for
Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool Within a Food Inspection and
Certification System (CXG 60-2006)***

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***Mixed Competence
European Union Vote***

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank the United States and the United Kingdom for preparing a very useful discussion paper on traceability.

The EUMS consider traceability as one of the key components of effective national food control systems as it allows for timely identification of sources of food safety emergencies and for effective recall of affected products. Traceability is also important for the control food fraud and for maintaining consumer confidence on food supply.

It would be timely to revisit and review *Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System (CXG 60-2006)* to ensure that they remain valid and to introduce further practical guidance on how to develop and implement effective systems for traceability. Therefore, the EUMS support CCFICS to undertake new work on traceability. As for the scope of the new work, it should cover the entire food chain, i.e. it should allow to trace back and forth all the movements of food, feed and food-producing animals through all stages of production, processing and distribution.