

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

Agenda item 5

**REVISION OF THE RECOMMENDED METHODS OF
CXs 234 - PREAMBLE AND STRUCTURE**

***Mixed Competence
Member State Vote***

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Brazil and Uruguay for the excellent work done in leading the eWG.

The EUMS suggest a few editorial changes/clarifications relating to:

Section 2. Definition of Terms, in particular:

- 2.3 Provision: 'analytical parameter' is a very broad term and could be replaced by 'requirement' or 'characteristic' or 'feature' or 'attribute'.
- 2.4 Method criteria: mentions next to 'provision', also 'criterion' or 'characteristic', without explaining the difference between these terms. If no difference exists, 'provision' would be sufficient.

Part II. Section I for several provision/commodity combinations references to CXs are missing; it would be useful to include them.

Appendix II, which lists the analytical principles of the methods of analysis, the detection principle for methods involving chromatographic separation should also be given to obtain a more coherent and uniform nomenclature. For example, gas chromatography – flame ionization detection instead of gas chromatography, or high performance liquid chromatography – fluorimetric detection instead of high performance liquid chromatography.