

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

Agenda Item 10

**Listing of Type IV methods in CXS 234 when a Type I method is listed for
the same commodity and provision**

(CX/MAS 24/43/12)

Member States Competence.

Member States Vote

The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) welcome and appreciate the work of Uruguay as chair and Brazil as co-chair of the Electronic Working Group to prepare the discussion paper CX/MAS 24/43/12 on Listing of Type IV methods in CXS 234 when a Type I method is listed for the same commodity and provision.

The Procedural Manual defines a Type I method as *a method which determines a value that can only be arrived at in terms of the method per se and serves by definition as the only method for establishing the accepted value of the item measured*. Having other methods of whatever type next to a Type I method is, therefore, counter-intuitive. However, certain circumstances such as non-availability of certain reagents, instruments, etc., in a geographical region, or legal requirements restricting the use of certain chemicals, etc., can justify that, as an exception, a Type IV method co-exists with a Type I method.

The MSEU support to accept Type I and Type IV method for the same provision only on a case-by-case basis provided that well-motivated and justified reasons exist as described in para 34 of CX/MAS 24/43/12.

The MSEU are not in favour of developing co-existence or equivalence criteria for Type I and Type IV methods.