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

Agenda item 7

Review and update of methods in Codex STAN 234-1999

*Mixed Competence
Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Brazil and Japan for the excellent work done for preparing the document outlining how to revise and update the methods of analysis and related texts in a single source document/database.

The EUMS can support the proposal to CCGP, presented in the recommendations, to split the section "Methods of Analysis and Sampling" in two separate sections and can in principle support the new text proposed for the section on methods of analysis. The exact wording of the text will need some clarification. In case the proposal for splitting the section is accepted, the Committee needs to decide how to word the remaining sampling chapter.

The EUMS can also support the other recommendations made by the eWG to CCMAS.

A correction of the status of the Codex Commodity Committees presented in Table II should be done so that CCMMP and CCS are both reported as Active* (working by correspondence).

Concerning the proposed preamble, the EUMS would like to thank the Codex Secretariat for providing a clear text. The EUMS can support the proposal of the Codex Secretariat, although the Committee is invited to reflect whether the name of the standard should be changed, since the lists contain only methods of analysis.