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**DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE POSSIBLE REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ESTIMATE
OF SHORT-TERM INTAKE (IESTI) EQUATIONS.**

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European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the electronic working group chaired by the Netherlands and co-chaired by Australia for the preparation of the discussion paper on 'The possible revision of the International Estimate of Short-Term Intake (IESTI) equations'.

The EU wishes to provide the following comments:

The EU appreciates the work performed by the electronic working group for identifying advantages and challenges arising from a possible revision of the IESTI equation and assessing the impact of such a changes. The EU agrees that changes in the IESTI equation should not lead to significant changes in the level of conservativeness. The study planned by the JMPR secretariat for the second half of 2017 on the evaluation of the IESTI equations, using probabilistic modelling of consumer exposure will be useful for improving the scientific basis of the equation.

The EU highly supports the continuation of the discussions on a possible revision of the IESTI equation and the continuation of the electronic working group for:

- Discussing the required level of conservativeness
- Assessing the impact of a possible new equation on risk management, risk communication, consumer protection goals and trade.
- Interacting through the JMPR secretariat with the technical FAO/WHO working group in case questions for risk managers would arise during the evaluation study on the IESTI equation.
- Discussing the report of the JMPR study, which will become available end 2017
- Gathering data on bulking and blending practices to be used by JMPR for its study on the IESTI equation.