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Agenda Item 6:

Review of the list of acceptable previous cargoes on fats and oils

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The European Union (EU) would like to thank Malaysia for the work done on the list of previous cargoes.

The EU considers an up-to-date Codex list of acceptable previous cargoes of utmost importance for global trade in fats and oils. Therefore, CCFO should continue to emphasise that the evaluation of the 23 substances is a priority and urge FAO/WHO to carry out the evaluation as soon as possible.

The EU can agree with the recommendations as prepared by Malaysia. However, there needs to be a mechanism to consider possible future proposals on addition or removal of substances from the list acceptable previous cargoes. To create such a mechanism, the in-session working group foreseen under agenda item 9 for new work proposals could also be tasked to consider proposals concerning previous cargoes. For this purpose, the EU suggests adding the following task in the terms of reference of the in-session WG in Appendix II to CX/FO 19/26/12:

"To consider proposals on addition or removal of substances from the List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes."