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**CODEX COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES
(31st Session)**

Bordeaux, France, 11 - 15 March 2019

European Union Comments on

Agenda item 2

Matters referred to the Committee

CX/GP 19/31/2

CAC39 (2016) - Consistency of the Risk Analysis Texts across the Relevant Committees

*Mixed Competence
Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) support the conclusion of CAC39 that CCGP has completed the work on the consistency of the risk analysis principles within Codex. There is therefore no need to review them further.

CAC40 (2017) - Regular Review of Codex Work Management: Electronic Working Groups

*Member States Competence
Member States Vote*

The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) welcome the outcome of CAC40 discussion on electronic Working Groups and look forward to deepening that discussion, particularly in the framework of this Committee. Concrete proposals to that effect will be put forward under agenda item 3.

CAC41 (2018) - Pilot for a Committee on Standards Advancement

Member States Competence *Member States Vote*

The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) support further exploring the innovative proposal for the establishment of a Committee on Standards Advancement discussed at CAC40 and CAC41 and, in this regard, reiterate their support for setting up a pilot for such a committee.

CCFICS 24 (2018) - Discussion Paper on Food Integrity and Food Authenticity

Mixed Competence *European Union Vote*

The EUMS welcome the discussions in CCFICS on food fraud.

Food fraud, while not a new phenomenon, has come under the spotlight in recent years. Food chains are vulnerable to fraud at national and international level. Initiatives have been undertaken by many governments and within the industry to combat food fraud.

It is therefore very timely to consider how Codex could further contribute to tackle fraudulent practices in food trade. The discussion in CCFICS provides a good basis for these considerations.

The EUMS take note that CCFICS will further consider what definitions on terms such as food integrity, food authenticity and food fraud need to be developed. As such definitions are of importance for the work of several Codex committees, it would be appropriate to adopt them as formal Codex definitions and include them in the Procedural Manual in the section 'Definitions for the purposes of the Codex Alimentarius'. Developing these Codex definitions would fall under the mandate of CCGP.