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Approach and criteria for evaluation and prioritization of the work of CCFL

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*Mixed Competence
Member States Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank the Canadian Secretariat of the Codex Committee on Food labelling (CCFL) for the updated draft *Approach and criteria for evaluation and prioritization of the work of CCFL*.

The EUMS can support the draft proposal as presented in Annex 1. In order to further shorten and clarify the text, the EUMS suggest the below modifications:

“6. Additionally, the proposal should preferably also include a self-assessment, including supporting rationale and references, that takes into account the additional criteria outlined in this document. If applicable, the new work proposal may also describe how it addresses internationally identified public health risks related to food safety, ~~health~~ or nutrition.”

“12. ~~New work proposals will ultimately be prioritized as per the evaluation received through this prioritization process.~~ Further aAdditional criteria, such as feasibility of the proposed new work, may be necessary and developed later for application while considering two or more proposals for new work items of similar priority.”

It is proposed to delete the first sentence of point 12 since point 9 already covers the process of the prioritisation.

The EUMS furthermore agree that:

- with above suggested modifications, the draft is ready for use on a trial basis, should the need arise;
- the draft would remain as an information document for the Committee;
- any refinement to this information document, if needed, may be considered following experience gained with its use.