

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES
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European Union Comments on

Agenda item 5

Revisions/amendments to Codex texts

Member States Competence

Member States Vote

The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) welcome the proposals put forward by the Codex Secretariat to clarify how to distinguish between, in particular, the 'amendment' and the 'revision' of Codex texts and how to implement that distinction in a consistent way.

Furthermore, the MSEU welcome the suggestion put forward by the Codex Secretariat to implement a numbering system that would make it easier to track changes made to Codex standards and related texts and to include a version history in the standards. The MSEU would welcome further clarifications on how to ensure that the proposed numbering system does not lead to implementation issues. For instance, how to deal with a situation where the revision of a standard results in two standards (as is the case with the revision of the Guidelines for Follow-up formulas)?

The MSEU would suggest that the Codex Secretariat explore the possibility of submitting a proposal for further work on this item that could be discussed at CAC44 under the standing CAC agenda item «Changes to the Procedural manual». CAC44 could then task CCGP to prepare the necessary amendments to the Guide, if considered appropriate.
