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**European Union comments for the  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD  
14<sup>th</sup> Session**

**The Netherlands, TBD**

**Request for comments on approaches to determine the need for revision  
of Codex standards and related texts developed by the Codex Committee  
on Contaminants in Foods**

**(CL 2020/53/OCS-CF)**

*Mixed Competence  
European Union Vote*

**COMMENTS ON THE CONSIDERATIONS OUTLINED IN § 4  
OF THE DOCUMENT**

- a) The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) can support the implementation of option 2 whereby tracking lists of Codex standards of more than 15 and more than 25 years old and of standards recommended for re-evaluation by CCCF, CAC or a Member country are established. The review of existing Codex standards would continue on an ad hoc basis, upon nomination by Member countries and/or CCCF on the basis of new and adequate data and scientific information.

The EUMS support the implementation on a trial basis of option 2 for a period of 3 years after which time its effectiveness could be reviewed and discussed in CCCF.

The EUMS can also fully support the approach for trial implementation as described in paragraph 49 of CX/CF 20/14/16.

- b) As the EUMS can fully support option 2, no alternative approaches are proposed.
- c) The EUMS are of the opinion that the criteria to be taken into consideration for the revision of the standards and related texts for contaminants in food and feed as described in §31 to § 41 in document CX/CF 20/14/16 are comprehensive.