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**EU reply to CL 2023/09/OCS-FICS**

**Proposed draft Guidelines on Recognition and Maintenance of Equivalence  
of National Food Control Systems (NFCS)**

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European Union Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank New Zealand, the United States and Kenya for leading the work on systems equivalence.

The EUMS support the proposed draft Guidelines on Recognition and Maintenance of Equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCSs) as contained in Appendix 1 of CX/FICS 23/26/4. They will provide useful guidance for exporting and importing countries in determining the equivalence of NFCS.