

European Union comments on Circular letter CL 2023/66-FICS
Request for comments on Appendix A and proposals for new work on
emerging issues

Mixed Competence
Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) support issues two to five of the new emerging global issues for consideration listed in Appendix A.

Concerning issue one, it does not seem to meet the criteria for inclusion as it is not clear what gap is to be filled in the current CCFICS suite of texts.

Regarding issue four, the EUMS suggest the following changes in the wording:

“New approaches to food ~~safety~~ **standards**, including preventative and outcomes-based systems”.

It would be useful to include in Appendix A references to the initial submission of proposals to the committee to enable the consultation of all the details related to them.

The EUMS appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the template for new work proposals, which was included as ‘Appendix C’ in the aforementioned CL. It is a useful tool for assisting delegations in submitting proposals for new work to CCFICS. The template could improve if it included concrete examples or guidance to assist delegations in filling out each section the way it is expected.