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**EU reply to 2021/17/OCS-FICS  
Proposed draft guidelines on recognition and maintenance of equivalence  
of National Food Control Systems (NFCS)**

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The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank New Zealand, the United States and Chile 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 21/25/6. They will provide useful guidance for exporting and importing countries in determining the equivalence of NFCS.

The EUMS propose the following amendment to the first sentence of paragraph 36 of Appendix 1 of document CX/FICS 21/25/6:

“... (e.g. recognition of lists of establishments; or modification to ~~port~~ **point** of entry **or point of control** requirements).”