

**Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling
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European Union comments on

Agenda item 7

**Review and Update of Methods in Codex STAN 234-1999
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Mixed Competence

Member States Vote

The electronic working group, led by Brazil, has progressed to a considerable extent the work on reviewing and updating of methods used in CODEX STAN 234-1999 by creating a workable list of all standardised methods, prioritising the sequence of standards to be updated, and compiling lists of methods which contain inaccurate information.

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) commend the good work of the eWG and wish to encourage the eWG, as well as IAM and SDOs, to continue the revision and updating of the standards in CODEX STAN 234-1999 so that the Committee has an accurate overview of the state-of-play.

The EUMS would like to ask the eWG whether it is necessary to include information on method performance into the workable list since this information is not pertinent for revising and updating. However, the SDOs are encouraged to ensure that such information is given in an Informatory Annex for each method which is now adopted and published by the SDOs. It is only through the availability of such information that the users of methods can ensure that specific methods meet the method performance criteria defined by Codex. Although the criteria listed in the Annex are extensive it would be very helpful to include the numeric value of the provision as well as the provision itself. This would then make it much easier to determine if the methods listed are still fit-for-purpose and allow the easy future implementation of the criteria approach where appropriate.