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**Agenda Item 16 (c)**

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**PROPOSED DRAFT SAMPLING PLAN FOR AFLATOXIN CONTAMINATION IN ALMONDS,  
BRAZIL NUTS, HAZELNUTS AND PISTACHIOS**

**COMMENTS AT STEP 3**

The following comments have been received from: Brazil

**Brazil:**

Brazil praises the document and thanks USA for the excellent work. Brazil, in order to improve the understanding of the document, especially by the producing countries, would like to request that more information on the kind of distribution of aflatoxin in almond as well as the variability of the sampling plan, according to the conditions stated in item 7, should be given. Additionally, information on sample preparation (slurry with water or not, particle size), method reference, performance of the method should also be given. Because the distribution of aflatoxins in Brazil nut may be differ from other nuts, not only due to kernel size (paragraph 11), it may be necessary to develop a specific sampling plan for Brazil nut.