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Comments on the

PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL OF SPECIFIC ZOOONOTIC PARASITES IN MEAT: *TRICHINELLA SPIRALIS* AND *CYSTICERCUS BOVIS* (At Step 3)

Comments submitted by:

European Union & Senegal

EUROPEAN UNION

*Mixed Competence
European Union Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) wish to thank the delegations that participated in the electronic Working Group for their useful contributions in the development of the proposed draft guidelines.

The EUMS can largely support the current version of the draft guidelines but note that it will need to be adapted to ensure consistency and complementarity with the updated version of the OIE guidance on trichinella. The EUMS suggest that CCFH will discuss how to best achieve this taking into account that the OIE guidance will be finalised at earliest in May 2013.

The risk profiles for *T.Spiralis* and *T.saginata/C.bovis* contain useful information and they should be made publicly available, either via the FAO/WHO websites or by other means. The EUMS note that CCGP is exploring ways to make information and other similar documents available in the Codex system.

SENEGAL

General Comments:

~~— DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL OF SPECIFIC ZOOONOTIC PARASITES IN MEAT: *TRICHINELLA SPIRALIS* AND *CYSTICERCUS BOVIS* —~~

- ~~Change to: DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL OF SPECIFIC ZOOONOTIC PARASITES IN MEAT: *TRICHINELLA SPP* AND *TAENIA SAGINATA/CYSTICERCUS BOVIS*~~
- Rationale : The document should cover all species of *Trichinella* and not only the species *spiralis*. *C. bovis* is the larval form of *T. saginata*
- Replace infection with *Trichinella* infestation (line 4)
- Write diagnostics instead of ~~diagnostiques~~ (NDT: applies only to the French version of the document)
- Write trichinellose instead of ~~trichinellosis~~ (NDT: applies only to the French version of the document)
- Write *C. bovis* instead of ~~*C. Bovis*~~ (NDT: only in the French version of the document)

Change throughout the document: "Hygiène des aliments" versus "hygiène alimentaire" (NDT: only in the French version of the document)

SENEGAL (FRENCH)

POINT 5

Avant-projet de Directives pour le contrôle des parasites zoonotiques dans la viande : *Trichinella spiralis* et *Cysticercus bovis* à l'étape 4 : CX/FH 12/44/7

Commentaires d'ordre général:

— ~~AVANT PROJET DE DIRECTIVES POUR LE CONTRÔLE DES PARASITES ZOONOTIQUES DANS LA VIANDE : TRICHINELLA SPIRALIS ET CYSTICERCUS BOVIS:~~

- **corriger : AVANT-PROJET DE DIRECTIVES POUR LE CONTRÔLE DES PARASITES ZOONOTIQUES DANS LA VIANDE : TRICHINELLA SPP ET TAENIA SAGINATA/CYSTICERCUS BOVIS**
- **Justification : le document devrait inclure toutes les espèce de *Trichinella* et non pas uniquement de l'espèce *spiralis*. *C. bovis* est la forme larvaire de *T. saginata***

- corrigé ~~infection~~ et mettre infestation à ***Trichinella*** (ligne 4)
- corriger **diagnostics** au lieu de ~~diagnostiques~~
- mettre **trichinellose** au lieu de ~~trichinellosis~~
- mettre ***C. bovis*** au lieu de ~~*C. Bovis*~~

Sur le fond du document :

Hygiène des aliments versus hygiène alimentaire

IACFO

SECTION 7 – IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF POST-SLAUGHTER CONTROL MEASURES USING A RISK-BASED APPROACH

IACFO supports the expansion of the scope of this draft to include other parasites which pose similar threats to food safety, such as *Toxoplasma gondii*. Due to the human health impact of *T. gondii*, compared with the other parasites covered by the Draft Guidelines and the similarities in how they contaminate raw meat, it is a logical step to address controls to all three parasites simultaneously.

10. Risk Communication

IACFO supports the effort to educate all stakeholders about *T. spiralis*. IACFO recommends that **paragraph 39** be moved to the beginning of the section, as information to retailers and consumers, including travelers, regarding the risks of becoming infected is vital.