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#### Comments on the

### DISCUSSION PAPER ON A CODEX OF HYGIENIC PRACTICE FOR LOW-MOISTURE FOOD

#### Comments submitted by EUROPEAN UNION & PHILIPPINES

#### EUROPEAN UNION

*Mixed Competence  
European Union Vote*

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) wish to thank the United States for preparing the proposal for new work on a code of hygienic practice for low-moisture foods.

There clearly are microbiological risks in these products which need to be addressed. The EUMS therefore support the proposal to develop a horizontal code of hygienic practice for low moisture foods with annexes for specific products as necessary. The EUMS also support asking FAO/WHO to provide scientific advice on microbiological hazards in low moisture foods as this would help in focusing the new work on products with most risks.

#### PHILIPPINES

The Philippines supports the development of a Code of Hygienic Practice for Low Moisture Foods and its future annexes for specific commodities. We likewise support the review/revision of the existing Codex Codes of Hygienic Practices falling under the low moisture food category taking into consideration new scientific information related to risks to public health.

#### Rationale:

The development of a Code of Hygienic Practice for Low Moisture Foods and its Annexes, and the review of existing Codes of Hygienic Practices will provide guidance to the Philippines in developing or adopting parallel national Codes of Hygienic Practices.