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**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION
OTTAWA, CANADA, 28 APRIL - 2 MAY 2003**

**PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE LABELLING OF FOODS AND
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COMMENTS FROM:

INTERNATIONAL BABY FOOD ACTION NETWORK (IBFAN)

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Section 4.0 Threshold levels

Section 4 should be deleted as this perpetuates permissible levels of genetic contamination at all levels of the food production systems.

Section 5.0 Exemptions

Section 5 should be deleted, as there is no point in having a standard when major exemptions are permissible such as “highly processed food ingredients”.

IBFAN supports the comments by Consumers International on the Draft Guidelines for the Labelling of Foods and Food Ingredients Obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering.