

PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL

(At Steps 1/2/3 of the Procedure)²³

1. PRINCIPLES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CODEX METHODS OF ANALYSIS

Addition of a new subsection at the end as follows:

“ ...

(C) General Criteria for the Selection of Methods of Analysis using the Criteria Approach

In the case of Codex Type [II and] III methods, method criteria may be identified and values quantified for incorporation into the appropriate Codex commodity standard. Method criteria which are developed will include the criteria in section (B)(b) above together with other appropriate criteria, e.g., recovery factors.”

2. RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMODITY COMMITTEES AND GENERAL COMMITTEES - METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING

Addition of new paragraphs at the end of “Normal Process” section as follows:

“The Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling will assess the actual analytical performance of the method which has been determined in its validation. This will take account of the appropriate precision characteristics obtained in collaborative trials which may have been carried out on the method together with results from other development work carried out during the course of the method development. The set of criteria that are developed will form part of the report of the endorsement by the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling and will be inserted in the appropriate Codex Commodity Standard.

In addition, the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling will identify numeric values for the criteria for which it would wish such methods to comply.”

²³ Subject to approval of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as new work.