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Agenda Item 3, 4, 5, 6

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS SAMPLING

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*Comments of Ghana*

### GHANA

#### **Agenda item 3: ENDORSEMENT OF METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING PLANS FOR PROVISIONS IN CODEX STANDARDS (CX/MAS 19/40/3)**

Ghana commends the various Committees for coming up with the methods of analysis and sampling.

**Position:** Ghana endorses the following methods of analysis presented in Appendix I, II and III respectively:

1. Methods of analysis for provisions in the Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants (CXS 72-1981)
2. Methods of analysis for provisions in the proposed draft standards for dried or dehydrated garlic, dried oregano, dried roots, rhizomes and bulbs – dried or dehydrated ginger, dried basil, dried floral parts – dried cloves, and saffron
3. Methods of analysis for acid value and free fatty acids for virgin palm oil and crude palm kernel oil

**Rationale:** The methods are workable and user-friendly

#### **Agenda Item 3: Review of Dairy Methods (CX/MAS 19/40/3 Add.1)**

**Position1:** Ghana endorses the proposed changes to CXS 234 as presented in Appendix I

**Position 2:** Ghana does not support the replacement of the method for the determination of peroxide value in milkfat products with photometry as presented in Appendix II. We recommend the addition of titrimetry.

**Position 3:** Ghana endorses the method as presented in Appendix III

**Rationale:** This methodology is applicable in the national laboratories and it is widely used by these laboratories.

#### **Agenda Item 4: GUIDANCE ON ENDORSEMENT (CX/MAS 19/40/4)**

**Position:** Ghana supports the proposed Guidance document and would prefer it to be captured in the Procedural Manual in order to make it easily accessible to all the Committees.

#### **Agenda Item 5: REVISION OF THE RECOMMENDED METHODS OF CXS 234 –PREAMBLE AND STRUCTURE (CX/MAS 19/40/5)**

**Position:** Ghana agrees to the revised preamble and document structure of CXS as presented in appendix I.

**Agenda Item 6: REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES ON MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY (CXG 54 - 2004)  
(CX/MAS 19/40/6)**

**Position:** With regards to par 21, Ghana recommends that the two examples on acceptance sampling should be part of the Guideline.

Figure 1 gives different scenario on measurement uncertainty and should be part of the Guideline.

The Guideline is also necessary to explain the ISO standards, guides and publications.

Ghana recommends that the adapted version of GL 59 in chapter4 should be included in GL54 however it should have a note stating it is limited to pesticide residues.