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(Comments from Indonesia)

INDONESIA

AGENDA ITEM 6 - DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF SYSTEMS EQUIVALENCE

General Comments

Indonesia thanks to New Zealand as the chair of EWG as well as the United States of America and Chile as co-chairs for preparing and contributing to the Proposed Discussion Paper on the Possible Development of Guidance on The Use of Systems Equivalence.

In general, Indonesia agrees and supports this document which is aiming to facilitate import and export guarantees through recognition of equivalence systems. However Indonesia would like to take this opportunity to stress the important of minimizing redundancy and overlapping. With that, Indonesia is of the view that the extensive review of the the existing CODEX texts (especially that of CAC/GL 26-1997: Guidelines for the Design, Operation, Assessment and Accreditation of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems; CAC/GL 34-1999: Guidelines for the Development of Equivalence Agreements Regarding Food Imports and Export Inspection and Certification Systems; and CAC/GL 53-2003: Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems) is very critical for the Proposal for new work to develop guidance on the use of systems equivalence.

AGENDA ITEM 7 - DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND MIGRATION TO PAPERLESS CERTIFICATION

General Comments

Indonesia would like to thank Netherlands and Australia for preparing the Proposed Discussion Paper on The Use of Electronic Certificates by Competent Authorities and Migration to paperless Certification.

Indonesia fully supports and has strong interest for further revision of the guidelines CAC/GL 38-2001 as a new work of CCFICS order to facilitate the import and export activities. Indonesia noted that the development of electronic certificates should be supported with an adequate IT system infrastructure.

Indonesia is developing her IT system infrastructure and this has been implemented in Indonesia under Decree of Indonesia Minister of Agriculture Number 55 of 2016 concerning Food Safety Control on Importation of Fresh Food of Plant Origin through electronic Prior Notice as one of document requirements issued by exporter in exporting country. Indonesia is of the view that the Use of Electronic Certificates by Competent Authorities and Migration to Paperless Certification is very important and would like to encourage other countries to build and improve their IT system capabilities to support the implementation of a comprehensive reciprocal electronic certification system, to promote safe and fair international food trade.