

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



World Health
Organization

Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy - Tel: (+39) 06 57051 - E-mail: codex@fao.org - www.codexalimentarius.org

Agenda Item 5, 6 and 7

MAS/39 CRD/15

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE ONLY

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS SAMPLING

Thirty-ninth Session

Budapest, Hungary, 7 – 11 May 2018

Comments submitted by Philippines

PHILIPPINES

AGENDA ITEM 5. DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE CRITERIA FOR ENDORSEMENT OF BIOLOGICAL METHODS USED TO DETECT CHEMICALS OF CONCERN

Reference : CX/MAS 18/39/5

Comments:

The Philippines expresses appreciation for the work done by the eWG chaired by Chile and Mexico in assessing methods whose measurement basis of a substance are determined by the response of living organisms or living systems using the General Criteria for the Selection of Methods of Analysis in the Codex Procedural Manual and other reference documents.

The Philippines also supports the recommendation of the eWG for the Committee to (1) clarify what mechanism, or procedure should be followed in order to distinguish if a method complies or not with the criteria accepted by Codex; (2) clarify if current criteria or criteria established at the time of development of method are met, for the adoption of methods; (3) analyze if currently accepted methods fully comply with current criteria; (4) develop a procedure to allow identification of the criteria met; and (5) document decisions on adoption, ratification and typification of methods in the CCMAS.

The Philippines also proposed a review of the methods listed in the CXS 234 1999 and the development of specific criteria for biological methods.

Rationale:

Biological methods of analysis which use whole organisms or parts of organisms as analytical indicators have the advantages of great selectivity and sensitivity and can be employed to provide information on the biological effect of a substance upon a variety of organisms.

Establishment of criteria for biological methods of analysis, just like chemical analysis is necessary before its adoption in Codex to enable users to ensure fitness for purpose of the method.

A review of the methods listed in the CXS 234 1999 will identify if previously adopted method complies with the Codex criteria or not.

A separate criteria will provide users with a clear understanding on what performance characteristics must be complied with by biological methods.

AGENDA ITEM 6. PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE GUIDELINES ON MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY (CXG 54-2004) (REPORT OF THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP LED BY GERMANY)

Reference: CX/MAS 18/39/6

General Comments:

The Philippines supports the proposal for new work to revise the Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty (CXG 54-2004) and expresses appreciation for the work done by the Electronic Working Group led by Germany in coming up with the Proposed Draft Revised Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty (CXG 54-2004) and Information Document Example Procedures for Estimating Measurement Uncertainty

Rationale:

An updated guidelines will provide a better understanding of measurement uncertainty, the influence it will have on decision making and its role in conformity assessment of a particular analytical sample and will be a useful reference for the laboratory analysts and decision makers.

Editorial Comments:

The Philippines would like to make the following editorial comments:

	Editorial Comments
Appendix II, paragraph 2, line 2	Consider replacing "is conform" with "conforms"
Appendix II, paragraph 2, line 3	Consider replacing "contaminate" with "contaminant" and removing the phrase "in order to"
Paragraph 4 under Using the Guide, line 1	Consider removing the word "which"
Paragraph 5 under Using the Guide, line 8	Consider replacing the phrase "please be referred" with "refer"
Under Measurand	Consider replacing "certaint" with "certain"
From Measurement error to measurement uncertainty, Paragraph 1, line 2	Consider replacing "determine" with "determining" and "correct for" with "correcting"
line 4	Consider replacing "measurement" with "measuring"
Paragraph 2, line 1	Consider replacing "never" with "not"
line 2	Consider replacing "inevitable" with "inevitably"
Appendix II, page 9, Uncertainty Sources, No.3 sentence	Consider replacing "please be referred" with "refer"

AGENDA ITEM 7. PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE GENERAL GUIDELINES ON SAMPLING (CXG 50-2004)

Reference : CX/MAS 18/39/7

General Comments:

The Philippines supports the proposal for new work to revise the General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004) and expresses appreciation for the work done by the Electronic Working Group led by New Zealand in coming up with an outline of a new CXG 50.

Rationale:

The proposed approach for a new General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG-50) will result in a shorter document containing understandable and educational guidance in sections along with links to sampling plans applications which will make it more usable by all countries as per the Project Document prepared by the eWG. The proposed outline is also much simpler and the appended sections useful.