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COMMENTS ON AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL

Comments of India, Tanzania and African Union

Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling
Comité sur les méthodes d'analyse et d'échantillonnage
Comité sobre Métodos de Análisis y Toma de Muestras

Principles for the Establishment of Codex Methods of Analysis
(PER17/MAS, para 36, Appendix III)

Comments of Tanzania and African Union

TANZANIA

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CCMAS reviewed an information document that provides an overview of the issues and examples of approaches that can be used to develop performance criteria for methods that use the “sum of components” approach. CCMAS concluded that, it was necessary for the *Procedural Manual* to acknowledge that performance criteria could be developed for methods using sum of components even though the approach should be used on case-by-case basis.

Position: Tanzania supports that CAC40 approves amendment to Note 2 in the Principles for the Establishment of Codex Methods of Analysis (Codex *Procedural Manual*, Section II, p. 80 in the 25th Ed.) to include provision on how “sum of components” could be converted to performance criteria.

Rationale: This will provide uniform guidance to countries on how performance criteria for sum of components can be derived.

AFRICAN UNION

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**Committee on Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses
Comité sur la nutrition et les aliments diététiques ou de régime
Comité sobre Nutrición y Alimentos para Regimenes Especiales**

Nutritional Risk Analysis Principles and Guidelines for Application to the Committee on Nutrition
and Foods for Special Dietary Uses
(PER17/NFSDU, para 12(I), Appendix II)

Comments of India

INDIA

Appendix II, para 33, India proposes to delete the word “or” from the text as shown under:

“Para 33. Consistent..... FAO and ~~or~~ WHO, including the FAO/WHO Joint Expert Meetings on Nutrition (JEMNU)”

Rationale: addition of “/or” in between FAO and WHO is redundant, therefore it would be appropriate to delete it.