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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The United Kingdom ceased to be a Member State of the European Union at 23.00 GMT on 31 January 2020. The European Union and the United Kingdom have agreed a Withdrawal Agreement pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union, which provides for a time-limited transition period during which European Union law, as modified by the Withdrawal Agreement, applies to and in the United Kingdom (the "transition period").

1.2. The transition period will end at 23.00 GMT on 31 December 2020.

1.3. To assist Codex Members in their ongoing engagement with the United Kingdom, this Conference Room Document sets out some of the changes that have resulted from the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union in relation to the Codex Alimentarius Commission (the Commission).

2. UNITED KINGDOM: CONSEQUENCES OF LEAVING THE EU IN THE COMMISSION

2.1 Since the United Kingdom ceased to be a Member State of the European Union it no longer has access to internal EU platforms. In practice this means that the United Kingdom does not attend EU Council Working Group coordination meetings in advance of, or during, Codex sessions.

3. THE UNITED KINGDOM'S ENGAGEMENT IN THE COMMISSION

3.1. The United Kingdom has been a Member of the Commission since it was founded in 1963 and the United Kingdom's status as an independent Member of Codex in its own right is not changing.

3.2. The United Kingdom has a long-established track record of supporting and championing Codex's core values and objectives throughout its membership. The United Kingdom would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment and continued support for the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies through the provision of high-quality technical expertise.

3.3. The United Kingdom will continue to work collaboratively with its international partners to deliver robust, science-based food standards that protect everyone everywhere, whilst also facilitating global trade.