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(Comments prepared by Switzerland)

SWITZERLAND FULLY SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS DONE BY BRAZIL AND JAPAN TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE LIST OF METHODS.

Regarding “Issues for the CCMAS to discuss and decide on necessary action(s)” contained in the CX/MAS 16/37/7-Add.1, Switzerland would like to add the following item to consider by the discussion:

Some methods are used for the indirect determination of quality and authenticity. There is a risk of losing this information when transferring the analytical methods from the product standards into the Stan 234 without retaining this scope. To avoid this, all information stated by “provision” should be retained and /or might be completed with scope for which the method was endorsed.

For example In the Stan 247-2005 on fruit juices and nectars, the analytical methods listed in the chapter 9 frequently contain together with provision, the scope for which they were chosen. This information has to be transferred into STAN 234 in a form that would be understandable for the reader.

Example:

C^{13}/C^{12} ratio of ethanol derived from fruit juices (Sections 3.2 Quality Criteria and 3.3 Authenticity) ¹¹	JAOAC 79, No. 1, 1996, 62-72	Stable isotope mass spectrometry	II
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This provision only makes sense when the scope (authenticity and quality according to STAN 247-2005) is included, e.g. as follows:

C^{13}/C^{12} ratio of ethanol derived from fruit juices (for determination of quality and authenticity, according to STAN 247- 2005 Sections 3.2 Quality Criteria and 3.3 Authenticity)¹¹	JAOAC 79, No. 1, 1996, 62-72	Stable isotope mass spectrometry	II
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That way, the STAN 247-2005 could be updated (by secretariat as task force was dissolved) by replacing the list of methods in the chapter 9 by link to the STAN 234 without information loss.

Probably, they are further Product standard presenting similar cases, and caution has to be taken when transferring the contents.