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**Agenda Item 4.1, 4.2, 5, 6 and 7**

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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING**

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*(Comments of Uganda)*

### **Agenda Item 4.1: Fats and oils workable package - Comments in reply to CL 2022/60/OCS-MAS**

Uganda supports the implementation of the changes that were proposed noting that many were editorial and they were aimed at aligning the provisions in CXS234- 1999 with those on the Codex Committee on Fats and oils (CCFO).

Rationale: The proposed editorial changes (including retyping) would ensure consistency between the Codex text and there would be no trade implications related to retyping of methods.

Uganda also supports the methods being suggested to be moved from type III to type II or type I to enable inclusion of a pool of methods that are user friendly with available consumables and equipment provided the performance characteristics on criteria to select type II methods from type III are adhered to.

Rationale: This will enable inclusion of a pool of methods, which are user friendly with available consumables and equipment.

For methods based on 'Liquid Chromatography' principles, Uganda proposes the inclusion of the description of the detector, similarly to that described for 'Triglycerides' to standardise.

Rationale: There is need to know which detector is applicable for analysis since there is a variety of detectors with different applications.

### **Agenda item 4.2: Cereals, pulses and legumes workable package - Comments in reply to CL 2023/13/OCS-MAS**

Uganda takes notes of and appreciates the recommendations from the eWG.

We note that the determination of ash content, ashing at 900 0C is performed in some methods and this procedure, while technically acceptable requires the use of expensive platinum dishes.

Rationale: Ashing at 900 0C requires platinum crucibles which are very expensive.

Uganda further notes that raw peanuts (intended for further processing) Aflatoxins total in CXS 200, the method uses benzene and chloroform which are known to be hazardous reagents. We therefore recommend removal of the method.

Rationale: This method uses hazardous reagents and not all aflatoxins were captured by the method.

Uganda supports the proposal to review at a future working group, the methods listed in appendix II and Appendix III. We support the extensive work done and we agree with the recommendations.

Rationale: This will provide an opportunity for further review on the methods endorsement and others where consensus was not reached.

### **Agenda Item 5 - Information document: Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty (CXG 54-2004**

Uganda notes that the uncertainty estimation for microbiological tests use the same principles but this did not come out clearly.

Uganda further requests the eWG to make clarification on the soft ware which was used to generate the examples given in the guideline for proper implementation.

Rational: The information will help in proper implementation of the guidelines.

Uganda also seeks clarification to whether CCMAS 42 will be looking into the possibility of developing a guiding document on measurement of uncertainty for qualitative and microbiological analysis.

Rationale: Qualitative analysis are sometimes used in molecular biological and microbiological methods for food control. This could contribute to improving robustness.

**Agenda Item 6: Revision of the General Guidelines on Sampling (CXG 50-2004)-Replies to CL 2023/15/OCS-MAS (CX/MAS 23/42/8), (CX/MAS 23/42/8 Add.1)**

Uganda supports the re-establishment of the eWG to complete the development of the information document (e-book with sampling plan apps.)

Rationale: This will ease information sharing.

**Agenda Item 7: Discussion paper on criteria to select Type II methods from multiple Type III methods (CX/MAS 23/42/9)**

Uganda supports the agreed position by the committee to circulate the proposed revised rules for selection of Type II methods from multiple Type III methods again for comments, further revision by Switzerland and consideration at CCMAS42

Rationale: To allow for additional comments and additional review for conclusion