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### CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS SAMPLING

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#### GUIDANCE ON THE CRITERIA APPROACH FOR METHODS WHICH USE A 'SUM OF COMPONENTS' (Comment submitted by Philippines, Kenya, European Union, Ghana, Mexico)

##### **PHILIPPINES**

###### **General Comments:**

The Philippines expresses appreciation to the eWG and pWG both chaired by the United Kingdom on coming up with the Draft Guidance on Criteria Approaches for Methods Which Use a 'Sum of Components' and will support further work on the development of the guidance.

###### **Rationale:**

The current procedures for determining numeric method performance criteria in the Procedural Manual are for single analyte only and not always suitable for 'sum of components'. The development of this guidance is important in food safety analyses especially those which involve multi-components such as veterinary and pesticide residues.

##### **KENYA**

Kenya appreciates the work presented by the EWG led by the United Kingdom for members to comment on. We note the recommendations that are presented in the document due to the complexity of the issue concerning the criteria approaches for methods which use sum of components. Kenya agrees to the conclusions presented in the document.

##### **EUROPEAN UNION**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) acknowledge the excellent work of the eWG led by the United Kingdom which advanced this topic to a stage where it can be endorsed as an Information Document for use in Codex.

The EUMS agree with the main conclusion of CX/MAS 17/38/4, i.e. that no generic approach exists for deriving performance criteria for methods of analysis which use the sum of components; instead they need to be derived on a case by case basis. The examples given illustrate well possible approaches and should be updated if new developments arise.

The Committee is invited to consider adding to the Procedural Manual a note which explains that an Information Document exists providing guidance on the criteria approach for methods which use a sum of components.

##### **GHANA**

Ghana appreciates the work of the EWG led by the United Kingdom and recommends that the group undertake further work on the document.

**MEXICO****Comentarios**

El documento resume adecuadamente las preocupaciones y las faltas de consenso en un enfoque único. Ya que este enfoque no puede ser alcanzado, es necesario y conveniente que se mantenga el grupo de trabajo de forma electrónica, se hace la sugerencia de que el alcance incluya la detección de todos los métodos comprendidos en el CODEX, a los cuales se podría aplicar el enfoque de suma de componentes, y además determinar cuál fue el modelo usado y estos podrían servir de ejemplo para definir las guías generales para casos futuros.