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Agenda Items 6 and 7

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Comments of Syrian Arab Republic

Syrian Arab Republic would like to thank Committees of CCFH53 for their efforts. Syria would like to highlight the comments on agenda item 6 and 7.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Safe Use and Reuse of Water in Food Production and Processing.

GENERAL COMMENT:

Syria supports using the word "potable" instead of "drinking" throughout the document.

SPECIFIC COMMENT:

Definitions 13: Water fit for purpose: Syria choose option 1

Water risk assessment: Syria choose option 1

AGENDA ITEM 7

DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE REVISION OF GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE TO THE CONTROL OF PATHOGENIC VIBRIO SPECIES IN SEAFOOD (CXG 73-2010)

GENERAL COMMENT:

Although Syria Arab Republic supports the advance of agenda item7 to the next step. However, we suggest some additional comments to improve the clarity of the text.

APPENDIX II	
	Please change the word "diarrhoea" to "diarrhea" in all the document.
Para 1.	Change the word "have" to "has" and thus, STEC have has the potential to have a serious impact on public health.
Para 45	Syria suggests "could" is the best option in the sentence.

SPECIFIC COMMENT:

APPENDIX 1	
Para 1.	Syria recommends deleting "During the last few years" in the first sentence.
Para 5.	Syria agrees with the following addition: It was previously thought that the ingestion of a large number of cells was needed for pathogenic Vibrio spp. to survive the acidic environment of the stomach and establish an infection. However, new and highly pathogenic strains have emerged with a significantly lower infectious dose 50 and

	different growth characteristics compared to the <i>V. parahaemolyticus</i> strains used in the previous risk assessments.
Para 16.	Incubation period (26 hours) should be 24 hours
Para 15.	We recommend adding yeasts and filamentous fungi to the examples of biological hazards
Para 18.	We suggest changing the sentence “no identified common food or other source” to “no identified common food or <u>another</u> source”
APPENDIX 2 on THE CONTROL MEASURES FOR <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> and <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> in Bivalve Molluscs	
Section 3	A new section on laboratory methods should be considered for inclusion.

Syrian Arab Republic appreciates the opportunity offered to submit this Conference Room Document, and we hope to consider our comments