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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS**

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**PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.4.5.1 WATER (of the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products)**

**COMMENTS AT STEP 3**

**(Argentina, Egypt, New Zealand)**

**ARGENTINA**

**[When an establishment has its own supply of fresh water or seawater or other water sources, and chlorine is used for water treatment, the residual content of chlorine should not exceed that of potable water]**

Discussion: Argentina considers that it is appropriate to keep the proposed draft definition of Appendix IV in square brackets until the Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) provides additional information about the acceptable residual content of chlorine and the use of chlorinated water as an antimicrobial agent in fish and fish products, and until the Committee on Food Contaminants provides comments on the residual content of chlorine in fish and fish products, respectively.

**EGYPT**

Egypt proposes looking for other techniques as alternatives reside the usage of chlorine in water.

**NEW ZEALAND**

New Zealand notes that as WHO/FAO expert consultation on chlorine has now published its final report and not identified any significant matters that this proposed text would be likely to address. New Zealand suggests this proposed draft amendment be deleted unless sufficient new information justifying its inclusion is presented to CCFFP at the next session.