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Agenda Item 3

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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### DRAFT REVISED STANDARD FOR OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE POMACE OILS

#### COMMENTS AT STEP 6

The following comments have been received from New Zealand in response to CL 2001/4-FO and CL 2002/49-FO.

#### NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand Government would like to make the following comments:

##### General

New Zealand has a general concern that the draft standard, as it is written does not take into account of the natural variations in the composition of olive oils that can occur in different parts of the world. New Zealand is concerned that the draft standard will have an adverse impact on a growing New Zealand olive oil industry.

##### Section 3.9

New Zealand is concerned about the proposal to reduce the linolenic acid values from 1.5% to 0.0-0.9%. This proposal is not scientifically justifiable and does not reflect the natural variations in the levels of linolenic acid in New Zealand. The proposed changes will have a severe impact on the New Zealand olive oil industry and its ability to trade internationally.

##### Appendix – Section 2.1

New Zealand is concerned by the maximum level of saturated fatty acids at the 2-position in the triglyceride being set at 1.5%. The proposed level does not take into account New Zealand's naturally high palmitic acid levels and would result in the New Zealand industry, along with others, being unable to achieve the required oil composition characteristics. This would have severe impact on our industry and its ability to trade internationally.