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PROPOSED DRAFT REVISED CODE OF ETHICS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN FOOD

Comments at Step 3

Norway

Norway would like to thank you for this opportunity to submit comments to the proposed Draft Code of Ethics.

Norway supports the approach in the proposed Draft and we have some **General remarks**:

We agree that this code will support the Codex mandate to ensure the fundamental right that all consumers are entitled to safe, sound and wholesome food and to be protected from unfair trade practices.

We understand the concerns from countries which do not yet have the capacity for adequate control for food safety and quality both regarding the lack of legislation and the difficulties in setting up inspection and control systems.

However Codex should encourage member countries to further implement Codex provisions and member countries with insufficient control systems should give priority in their capacity building to the issue of control systems. Further, Codex should encourage FAO/WHO and other international organizations to give priority to providing technical assistance to member countries with insufficient capacity for establishing food control systems.