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METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING FOR MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS (REPORT OF THE IDF/ISO/AOAC WORKING GROUP)

Comments from: Colombia and Thailand

COLOMBIA

Position put forward by Colombia with regard to the observations made by other countries for changes to the Procedure Manual

Agree:

The reports should be written in the Codex Committees' three working languages (Argentina, Spain and Africa). This would ensure all participating countries are on the same footing in analysing the texts and drafts to be analysed by the Committees.

OBSERVATION: All the proposed changes to the Procedure Manual are important, as they make it possible to clarify certain terms that are useful for analysis methods, as a consequence it is suggested they be implemented.

Position put forward by Colombia with regard to the observations by other countries on the proposed drafts

Agree:

The definitions used in the documents "Proposed draft guidelines for evaluating acceptable methods of analysis" and "Consideration of fitness-for-purpose approach methods of analysis" should be the same and these two documents should be combined in a single document called "Working instructions on the implementation of the criteria approach for Codex committees"(Brazil). The terms should be the same, otherwise ambiguities in interpreting the proposed draft may arise, and the proposed new title covers the document content.

THAILAND

We recommend that certain methods of analysis and sampling may be complicated for the developing countries. We suggest that Codex should establish simple methods for analysis and sampling for milk products.