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**PROPOSED DRAFT SAMPLING PLANS FOR RESIDUE CONTROL FOR AQUATIC ANIMAL
PRODUCTS AND DERIVED EDIBLE PRODUCTS OF AQUATIC ORIGIN
(TABLE C, ANNEX B OF CAC/GL 71-2009)**

Comments at Step 3 of Norway

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We appreciate this opportunity to comment upon the proposed sampling plans.

Specific comments

Annex I, table C:

We support the minimum quantity required for laboratory sample of 500g, as this will be sufficient to perform an analysis of the actual substances.

Footnote 1: Should be amended as follows: The sufficient number of units should be determined based on the type of fish, ~~crustacean~~ ~~or~~, shellfish **or other aquatic organisms**, the homogeneity (consistency) of production, and the method of analysis. Sufficient number of units should take into consideration sampling within and between lots.

Reason: Definitions should be uniform in Codex. Shellfish is defined in the Code of Practice of Fish and Fishery Products (CAC/RCP 52-2003) as; "Those species of aquatic molluscs and crustaceans that are commonly used for food". Thus the mentioning of crustacean in this context is unnecessary. We suggest adding "other aquatic organisms" to not exclude animals that do not fall under the definitions of fish and shellfish, i.e. the "echinoderms".

Footnote 2: Should be amended as follows: Unit means a single fish, **shellfish or other aquatic organisms**, ~~fish portion, package of fish, or can of fish~~ **or a package or can of such items** making up a consignment.

Reason: To make it more specific and also harmonized with footnote 1.

The first column ("Commodity") in the table, third and fifth row, should be amended as follows:

~~Fish and shellfish—packaged and unpackaged~~ **Packed and unpacked products**
and ~~Canned fish and shellfish products~~ **Canned products**

Reason: To make it harmonized and consistent.