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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING**

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### **HARMONIZATION OF NAMES AND FORMAT FOR PRINCIPLES IDENTIFIED IN CXS 234**

(Comments of IAM)

The members of the IAM welcome the wish for harmonization within Codex standards and texts. Under the CCMAS mandate, the harmonization of the principles listed in CXS 234, taking into account the terminology used by Standard Development Organisations (SDOs) and users is welcomed.

However, the members of the IAM are of the view that the provisions listed in CXS 234 should remain aligned with the ones in the commodity standard to prevent misalignment and confusion.

It should be noted that the provisions currently listed in CXS 234 are the provisions originating from the commodity standards. They may vary in the commodity standards for justifiable reasons. By oversimplifying as proposed in Annex D, the link to the original provision as well as essential information may be lost. For example, fat acidity, titratable acidity or free acidity should not be replaced by just 'acidity' without consideration by the relevant committee(s).

Provisions may have been supplemented in CXS 234 to reflect the applicability of the method, implying that another method might be needed for other cases (complementarity of the methods, for example: dietary fibre). In some cases, those clarifications in the scope are the result of lengthy discussions by the Committee, and/or relevant Commodity Committees.

Also, changing the provisions as suggested in Annex D of CX/MAS 25/44/12 would have some impact on the methods listed, many of which have been recently reviewed for several commodity packages.

For these reasons, the members of the IAM do not agree with Recommendations (ii) and (v) related to the Annex D.

Instead, IAM recommends that commodity committees, when developing or reviewing standards, are encouraged to consider harmonization of terminology and to reflect on applicable methods of analysis and sampling at an early stage.