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**Agenda Item 4.1**

**CX/FICS 21/25/4 Add.1**

**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION  
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**DRAFT PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND USE OF VOLUNTARY THIRD-PARTY ASSURANCE (vTPA) PROGRAMMES (Updated Text)**

Comments at Step 6 (in reply to CL 2019/93/OCS-FICS)

1. Comments at Step 6, in reply to CL 2019/93/OCS-FICS are compiled in [CX/FICS 20/25/4 Add.1](#), which was issued in January 2020 prior to rescheduling of CCFICS25.
2. Comments in reply to CL 2020/26/OCS-FICS are compiled in [CX/FICS 20/25/4 Add.2](#), which was issued in September 2020 based upon an updated version of the draft guidelines.