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

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### COMMENTS OF CABO VERDE

#### **Agenda item 4.1: Review of methods of analysis in commodity standards (fish and fishery products, fats and oils, cereals, pulses and legumes and derived products)**

##### POSITION OR COMMENT

Cabo Verde supports the recommendations of the Electronic Working Group (EWG) presented in document CX/MAS 26/45/4. Specifically, the country supports the adoption of the amendments and revocations listed in Appendix I, Part 1, to update CXS 234-1999.

Furthermore, Cabo Verde supports the initiative of listing commodities individually in the Codex database to ensure greater clarity and efficiency in research for market operators and laboratories.

##### RATIONALE

The centralization of methods within the CXS 234 standard is intended to simplify regulatory compliance and prevent contradictions between different documents. Replacing withdrawn methods with versions that are technically current is considered essential for ensuring analytical precision and maintaining safe international trade. Furthermore, increased transparency in the database will facilitate the national implementation of Codex standards.

#### **Agenda item 6: Methods of analysis for precautionary allergen labelling**

##### POSITION OR COMMENT

Cape Verde supports the forwarding of the response to the CCFL, which includes the method tables found in Appendix II, specifically for informational purposes rather than as formally endorsed methods. Furthermore, Cape Verde advocates for the future exploration and development of Numeric Performance Criteria (MPC) by the CCMAS for allergens. This approach aims to reduce the current dependency on specific proprietary kits and facilitate better access to analytical methods for developing countries.

##### RATIONALE

Cape Verde's position is rooted in the principle that consumer safety, particularly for those with food allergies, is fundamentally dependent on accurate and reliable labeling. As an importing nation that receives food products from a wide variety of global origins, it is vital that the methods used to justify Precautionary Allergen Labelling (PAL) are robust, internationally comparable, and harmonized. This approach recognizes the importance of international alignment while maintaining the necessary flexibility for implementation across different supply chains.

Furthermore, the adoption of performance criteria—rather than a fixed list of patented kits—is essential to ensure that national laboratories can validate new methods without facing the commercial barriers often imposed by the limited availability of specific proprietary kits. This approach promotes technical autonomy and facilitates broader access to analytical methods, which is crucial for the regulatory framework of developing countries.