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**COMMENTS ON DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS SUBMITTED
BY THE 52ND CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE¹**

BACKGROUND

1. This document compiles the comments on the draft standards submitted at Step 8 or Step 5/8 of the Procedure. The comments are those received through the Codex Online Commenting Systems (OCS), or via email by the time this document was issued. The comments are as shown in Appendix I and II.
2. OCS is an online tool that enables Codex Contact Points to submit comments on draft texts in a standardised way, thus providing more transparency and better management of comments on different Codex texts as requested through Circular Letters. Since its launching at CAC39 (2016), the OCS has been used for different Codex Committees.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON APPENDIX I, II

3. The comments received are presented in a table format, with two columns as follows:
 - **First column** – Presents the comments with the rationale.
 - **Second column** – Presents the provider of the comments (name of country or observer)

¹ This document compiles comments submitted through OCS, or via email by the time this document was issued, in reply to CL 2022/32/OCS-FH and CL 2022/33/OCS-FH

Appendix I

**COMMENTS IN REPLY TO CL 2022/32/OCS-FH - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT STEP 8
ON THE DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF BIOLOGICAL FOODBORNE OUTBREAKS**

*Comments of Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Honduras, India, Indonesia,
Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, United Kingdom, Uruguay and ICUMSA*

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Canada supports the adoption at Step 8 of the Draft Guidelines for the Management of Biological Foodborne Outbreaks	Canada
<p>El texto está listo para su aprobación.</p> <p>Se sugiere la siguiente redacción:</p> <p>93. Se debería considerar la posibilidad de presentar los brotes de especial interés en foros científicos nacionales e internacionales así como divulgarlos en publicaciones científicas.</p> <p>Ejemplos de solicitudes de evaluaciones rápidas de riesgos, Anexo II.</p> <p>Posible(s) pregunta(s) relacionada(s) con el agente causal del brote: La "bacteria Y" está causando un brote, que se sospecha proviene de productos de una o más instalaciones de producción específicas.</p>	Colombia
Costa Rica considera que el texto está listo para su aprobación en el trámite 8.	Costa Rica
Cuba agradece la oportunidad de expresar sus comentarios sobre la carta circular CL 2022/32/OCS-FH y apoya el documento sobre Orientaciones para la Gestión de Brotes Biológicos transmitidos por los alimentos que está listo para su aprobación en el trámite 8.	Cuba
Egypt agrees on the guidelines and has not no comment	Egypt
Honduras agradece al secretariado Codex y a Dinamarca, Chile y Union Europea, por la elaboración del proyecto de Orientaciones para la Gestión de los Brotes Biológicos Transmitidos por los alimentos y apoya su avance al trámite 8	Honduras
Font change for sections A, etc., under the main sections. This is for all versions of the document. The font should be consistent rather than change in the way it has.	ICUMSA
India supports adoption of the text at Step 8	India
Indonesia is of the opinion that the Draft Guidelines for the Management of Biological Foodborne Outbreaks is ready for adoption at Step 8 at the next session of CAC.	Indonesia
Kenya appreciates the work done on the development of the draft guideline on the Management of biological Foodborne Outbreaks and therefore supports its adoption at step 8.	Kenya
Saudi Arabia Supports GUIDELINES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF BIOLOGICAL FOODBORNE OUTBREAKS For adoption at Step 8.	Saudi Arabia

<p>Singapore supports the adoption of the draft guidance at Step 8.</p> <p>Singapore has in place an integrated food safety system which is underpinned by a science-based risk management approach to ensure that food is safe for consumption. Singapore is of the view that food safety and management of foodborne outbreaks is a joint responsibility. An effective system would require a structured network at both international and national levels, as well as the collaboration of all relevant government agencies, industry and consumers.</p> <p>The draft guidance has comprehensively covered the essential aspects for management of biological foodborne outbreak and Singapore supports its adoption at Step 8.</p>	<p>Singapore</p>
<p>The United Kingdom supports the adoption of the proposed Draft Guidance for the Management of Biological Foodborne Outbreak at step 8</p>	<p>United Kingdom</p>
<p>Uruguay agradece el trabajo, y comparte el documento. Trasmitemos dos observaciones editoriales.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) En el párrafo 4 se repite la palabra sobre 2) En el párrafo 25 donde dice "comprarla", debería decir compararla 	<p>Uruguay</p>

Appendix II

**COMMENTS IN REPLY TO CL 2022/33/OCS-FH - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT STEP 5/8
ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION TO THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE**

*Comments of Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Honduras, India, Indonesia,
Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Tunisia, United Kingdom and Uruguay*

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Canada supports the adoption at Step 5/8 of the proposed draft revision to the General Principles of Food Hygiene.	Canada
Costa Rica apoya la aprobación en el trámite 5/8.	Costa Rica
Cuba agradece la oportunidad de ofrecer sus comentarios sobre la Carta circular CL 2022/23/OCS-FH y en principio apoya el documento de Anteproyecto de revisión de los Principios Generales de Higiene de los alimentos en lo relacionado a la Parte A: Herramientas para determinar los Puntos críticos de control (PCC) para su aprobación en 5/8.	Cuba
Egypt agrees on the proposed revision and has not no comments	Egypt
Honduras apoya el avance al trámite 5/ 8 del proyecto de revisión de los principios generales de higiene de los alimentos	Honduras
India supports adoption of the text at Step 5/8	India
Indonesia agrees that the proposed draft revision to General Principles of Food Hygiene is ready for adoption at Step 5/8 at 45th Session of CAC, with some minor modifications. Indonesia proposes to add the phrase "This step is not a CCP" in Q3 if the answer is "yes", and in Q4 if the answer is "no", both on the diagram and on the worksheet, for consistency with Q1.	Indonesia
Kenya supports the proposed revision to the General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC1-1969) for advancement to the next step.	Kenya
Saudi Arabia supports the document CL 2022/33/OCS-FH.	Saudi Arabia
<p>Singapore supports the inclusion of both the proposed revised A.1. Example of a CCP decision tree and proposed A.2. Example of a CCP determination worksheet as Annex to the General Principles of Food Hygiene and its HACCP with the understanding that this Annex is meant to be examples and the sequence of questions are arranged in a step-wise approach.</p> <p>Singapore adopts a systems approach to manage food safety from farm-to-fork. Controls are placed at critical nodes of the supply chain (production), processing and retail) where they are most effective and efficient. Singapore also encourages food business operators to put in place food safety management systems such as the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system as part of industry's joint responsibility to ensure food safety.</p> <p>The draft revision to the General Principles of Food Hygiene to include the revised A.1. Example of a CCP decision tree and proposed A.2. Example of a CCP determination worksheet as Annex to the General Principles of Food Hygiene and its HACCP, would provide clearer guidance on food safety management.</p>	Singapore

<p>En réponse à la lettre circulaire CL 2022/33/OCS-FH : Demande d'observations à l'étape 5/8 sur l'avant-projet de révision des Principes généraux d'hygiène alimentaire:</p> <p>La Tunisie après la réalisation des exercices de simulation et des études de cas appuie, la proposition telle que présentée dans la Partie A: Outils permettant de déterminer les points critiques pour la maîtrise (CCP). De même, la Tunisie appuie la proposition de la Partie B: Modification corrélative de la section 3.7 du Chapitre deux du document CXC 1-1969.</p>	<p>Tunisia</p>
<p>The United Kingdom supports the adoption of the proposed draft revision of the General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC 1-1969) at Step 5/8.</p>	<p>United Kingdom</p>
<p>Uruguay agradece el trabajo y acuerda el avance del documento</p>	<p>Uruguay</p>