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

Comments of EU

European Union Comments

Mixed Competence

Member State Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) congratulate Switzerland for the proposing rules to select a Type II from several appropriate Type III methods. The described approach is consistent and considers relevant criteria for making the selection.

In case methods with equivalent performance for the concerned measurand(s) are available, the criteria approach could be a valuable alternative to selecting a Type II from several Type III. In case that the criteria approach is not applicable the proposed rules selection rules proved to be effective, as shown by a validation exercise for methods already included in CXS 234 (Na and K in infant formula and Cu in milkfat products). CCMAS could be invited to develop guidance to assist Commodity Committees in choosing between typing of available methods of comparable (equivalent) performance or transforming performance of existing methods into numeric criteria.

The EUMS support the inclusion of the rules in the information document regarding the guidance for the process of submission, consideration and endorsement of methods for inclusion in CXS 234.