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Comments of Philippines

Item 8: Proposed draft Guidelines for Food Hygiene Control Measures in Traditional Markets for Food

Comment Type	Category	Proposed Change	Comment
Introduction	Technical	To add in the last paragraph to the Introduction: <i>It is recognized that some of the provisions in this guidance document may be difficult to implement in countries with developing economies due to different cultural practices, geographical conditions and the availability and accessibility of water to some regions, that may have an impact to food safety. This guideline is, therefore, a flexible one, to allow for diverse systems of food preparation in traditional markets in countries that will use this guidance documents.</i>	While the objective of the guidance document is clear, implementation in the different countries especially in those developing countries may be a challenge considering the various ambulant vendors and food hawkers considered under the traditional market. Thus, it is proposed by the Philippines to add this paragraph in order to emphasize differences and allow for flexibility of varying economies.
Section 3 Terms and Definitions	Technical	-	The Philippines would like to seek clarity with regards to the definition of Traditional markets for food. The definition implies "Spaces open to the public with physical infrastructures including premises or individual stalls for the food trade, generally from local FBOs such as fruits, vegetables, food of animal origin, seeds/grains, ready-to-eat foods, street foods, preparation, and other uses." Does this definition only encompass spaces that are designated for selling of food and does not cover ambulant vendors that sell food products without definite or permanent location/space? In addition, are weekend markets, occasional markets (e.g Christmas village markets) also considered part of the scope of these guidelines?