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WORK FROM THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS (CCFICS) FOR ADOPTION OR APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION

Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption

Draft principles and guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary ThirdParty Assurance (vTPA) programmes

Comments of Ghana

Ghana

Position: Ghana supports the adoption of the draft principles and guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary third party assurance programmes at step 8.

Rationale: The guidelines provide the necessary framework and criteria for assessing the integrity and credibility of the governance structures of vTPA programmes and the reliability of information/data generated by such programmes to support NFCS objectives.

Proposed draft guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates (*Revised Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates*)

Comments of El Salvador and Ghana

El Salvador

El Salvador apoya la aprobación definitiva en trámite 5/8 del “Anteproyecto de orientaciones sobre el uso de certificados electrónicos sin papel” (Revisión de las Directrices para el diseño, elaboración, expedición y uso de certificados oficiales genéricos).

Ghana

Position: Ghana supports the adoption of the proposed draft guidance at step 5/8. The document provides useful and relevant guidance to competent authorities on the implementation and use of paperless exchange of official certificates.

Proposals to elaborate new standards and related texts

Project document for new work on the development of guidance on the prevention and control of food fraud

Comments of Philippines**Philippines**

The Philippines supports the start of the new work and forward the project document on the development of guidance on the prevention and control of food fraud to CAC44 for approval. The new work can help the Philippines in developing its food inspection and monitoring system in detecting food frauds, as stipulated in the Food Safety Act.

In addition, there had been ongoing several sessions of CCFICS which had discussions of food fraud. The new work will help address the strong interests and early discussion of food fraud.