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**Agenda Item 8**

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Comments from United Kingdom**

**PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFE USE AND RE-USE OF WATER FOR FOOD  
PRODUCTION**

The UK welcomes the work carried out by the Chairs of the EWG and in relation to the specific questions posed in Paragraph 16 of CX/FH 22/52/8:

16(ii)(a) The UK supports the use of the term 'potable water' in the document.

16(ii)(b) As regards the Fresh Produce annex:

- From reviewing CXC 53-2003, the UK considers it is appropriate to keep paragraphs 5-36 which will allow all information to be presented in a single comprehensive annex.
- The UK considers the examples of the tools are appropriate for the development of the document. It is suggested that a standardised term is used throughout when referring to decision tools, as this varies between Decision Support System (DSS) Tools, Decision tree tool (DTT) and Decision Tree (DT).
- The UK could support a request to FAO/WHO however notes that these tools are only examples.

16(ii)(c) As regards the Fishery Products annex:

Definitions:

- 'Fit for purpose water' - If a definition is to be included in the Fishery Products annex, the UK suggests it should be consistent with the definition in the main document to avoid creating any possible confusion, i.e. "Water fit for purpose: water which is determined through an assessment of risk to be safe when used as intended".
- The UK supports the following definitions:
  - "Fishery products: Any species of fish, including crustaceans, molluscs, gastropods, or part of them intended for human consumption."
  - "Harvesting: Operations involving taking the fish from the water"

The UK considers the Fishery Product annex should be held until the relevant JEMRA expert report becomes available.