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**MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION BY CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES
MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE 35TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION
NEW WORK ON PROCESSED CHEESE**

COMMENTS SUBMITTED IN REPLY TO CL 2012/24-CAC

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The United States of America is pleased to respond to CL 2012/24-CAC requesting comments and information on gaps in the safety and quality provisions of Codex texts to justify new work on processed cheese as requested in CL 2012/24-CAC.

The U.S. sees no obvious gaps in the safety and quality provisions of these texts that would justify new work on processed cheese.

Codex texts such as the General Standard for the Labeling of Prepackaged Foods (GSLPF), the General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms (GSUDT), the General Standard for Cheese, the Guidelines for the Use of Nutrition and Health Claims and the Code of Hygienic Practices for Milk and Milk Products can all be used to ensure that there are no gaps in the safety and quality provisions of a food labeled as “processed cheese.”