



Agenda Item 2

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**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING****Thirty-fifth Session
Budapest, Hungary, 3 - 7 March 2014****MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES****33rd Session of the Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)*****Sampling Plans for the Standard for Live Abalone and For Raw, Fresh Chilled or Frozen Abalone for Direct Consumption or for Further Processing and the Standard for Smoked Fish, Smoke-Flavoured Fish and Smoked-Dried Fish*¹**

1. The Committee considered how to deal with sampling plans taking into account the proposal presented by South Africa in CRD 13. Delegations expressed uncertainty on the implications of the tables for regulatory practice and expressed the need for guidance on the level of detail required in these sampling plans. The Committee agreed not to proceed with developing sampling plans for the moment and to request CCMAS to provide guidance on what is to be expected from CCFFP to include or consider in sampling plans for quality parameters or for CCMAS to provide proposed sampling plans for consideration by CCFFP. It was further agreed that this decision would also extend to the sampling plans for the draft Standard for Fresh and Raw Quick Frozen Raw Scallop Products.

2. This matter is considered under Agenda Item 7.

***Draft performance criteria for reference and confirmatory methods for marine biotoxins (section i-8.6 determination of biotoxins) in the standard for live and raw bivalve molluscs*²**

3. The Committee agreed to inform CCMAS that it had excluded information on TEFs in the criteria for determining marine biotoxins in bivalves because the reliability and validity of TEFs are the subject of much discussion, particularly the TEFs of the saxitoxin group, for which more than one set of TEFs are in use. Additionally, acute oral toxicities of various individual toxin analogues are currently being investigated, which may be considered to be more relevant to human health than intraperitoneally derived toxicities. Recognising these, the Committee believes that TEFs cannot be incorporated into the Standard at this time.

¹ REP14/FFP para. 8

² REP14/FFP para. 24