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Comments from Republic of Korea

Republic of Korea is pleased to provide the following comments on Proposed Draft Principles for the Use of Sampling and Testing in International Food Trade : Explanatory notes (at step 4) and Discussion paper on elaboration of procedures for regular updating of methods.

Agenda Item 4(CX/MAS 14/35/4)

This document is intended to help trading partners establish “the principles for the use of sampling and testing procedures”. In General in international trade activities, two parties should reach agreement related to the assessment procedure (selection of samples, examination or analysis of the samples and, etc.) of the importing country. However, in exceptional cases, two parties could make an agreement before initiating trade. Therefore, this should be clear and definite.

Before starting the paragraph of the “Principle 1 : Transparency and agreements before initiating trade” we propose to add the following paragraph.

“In General in international trade activities, two parties should reach agreement related to the assessment procedure (selection of samples, examination or analysis of the samples and, etc.) of the importing country. However, in exceptional cases, two parties could make an agreement before initiating trade.”

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- In the document, the definition of “POD(Probability of Detection)” should be clear, and the difference between “POD” and “LOD(Limit of detection)” needs to be demonstrated.
- We suggest to use “POD/LOD” instead of “POD” in Table I (likewise in Table II), and add a dividing column between “qualitative data” and “quantitative data” in Table I.