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Agenda item 7. Discussion paper on Sampling in Codex standards

AOCS appreciates the opportunity provided by the CCMAS secretariat to comment on this agenda item.

In recognition that uncertainty arises from the sampling process itself, even when the same operator is performing sampling of the same lot with the same sampling plan, AOCS suggests that the text of item 1 be modified as follows:

Suggested text: (additions shown as underlined text)

Item 1

To recognise that different sampling plans when applied to the same lot may result in different assessments of the lot with respect to a Codex specification. In that way sampling is similar in effect as Type I, empirical, method of analysis, i.e. if a sampling plan is not specified then the application of different sampling plans by different operators to the same lot may result in different decisions with respect to compliance of the lot with the specification. In addition, the application of the same sampling plan by different operators to the same lot is likely to also result in different decisions with respect to compliance. Furthermore the application of the same sampling plan by the same operator to the same lot may also result in different decisions with respect to compliance.