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PROPOSED DRAFT PRINCIPLES FOR THE USE OF SAMPLING AND TESTING IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE: EXPLANATORY NOTES AND PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

(Comments of Ghana)

General Comments

Ghana appreciates the thorough work done by the Working Group in drafting the text for the Explanatory Notes. We welcome the opportunity to provide our comments on the document.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Principle 1: Explanatory Notes, seventh dot point

Ghana suggests that the rephrase of the paragraph to read:

If the assessment procedure requires an estimate of lot homogeneity (*e.g. a standard deviation*), the method to be used to estimate should be indicated. If the homogeneity is treated as “known”, the assumed value should be scientifically based and accepted by both parties.

Rationale

We suggest the use of “homogeneity” which is a more suitable when describing uniformity of a lot. It is also proposed that the method to estimate the homogeneity of the lot is indicated for a better agreement.

Principle 5: Explanatory Notes, paragraph 1

The exporting and importing countries should make a clear statement on how the analytical measurement uncertainty is taken into account when assessing the conformity of a measurement against a legal limit. This agreement should cover all situations where a limit or specification level is to be met, including limits for potential health hazards if such characteristics are to be assessed under the agreement

Rationale

This is to avoid repetition and easy comprehension.