ISO comments on the paper "Draft Principles for the Use of Sampling and Testing in International Food Trade"

ISO/TC 34/SC 11 "Animal and vegetable fats and oils" appreciates the opportunity to comment:

Principle 8: Product variation, which states that “The selection of sampling and testing procedures should take into account the potential variations within a lot or consignment”:

We think that this is a very important point and needs to be stressed as a problem in sample large consignments of crude oils and fats, oilseeds and cereals.  The sampling of inhomogeneous consignments gives us difficulties with sampling regimes as there is no experimental data for most of the products.  Getting the data will be difficult, but some work needs to be carried out on this issue.