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Dear Sirs of Codex Secretariat

Dear CCMAS President

Uruguay thanks Germany and New Zealand the coordination of the group and the opportunity to have been involved in it.

However, Uruguay wants to explain our concern related with the text expressed in the CX / MAS 13/34/5, which states:

“Comments and contributions were received from 7 countries (Canada, Cuba, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, New Zealand and Uruguay). Uruguay provided a completely new version of the document which could not be implemented into the processed version. It was posted on the workspace on 19 th November. The draft document was promptly amended as the discussion proceeded, and the current version was posted on the workspace.”

Uruguay wants to inform that the Uruguayan proposal was sent to the Coordinator of the electronic Working Group on "Principles for the Use of Sampling and Testing in International Food Trade. Explanatory Notes " (Claus Wiezorek: claus.wiezorek@cvua-mel.de of Germany) and the webmaster of the platform of the electronic group (Phil Fawcet: phil.fawcet@maf.govt.nz of New Zealand) on 16th November, receiving the confirmation on 18th November by the webmaster that the document had been included in the platform, taking as antecedent the process followed by another ewg’s participant (CUBA).

On November 19th, 2012 the Uruguayan CCMAS Sub-Committee found that the document was not included in the platform and proceeded to post it directly.

The document sent by Uruguay is based on the original document, presenting no significant structural differences with the original document used by the electronic working group, expressing the position and suggestions of the country .

For this reason, we disagree with the statements in the document CX / MAS 13/34/5 regarding that the draft proposed by Uruguay presented substantive differences to the original document that would not permit its compatibility.

We annex copies of:

- Sent e-mails

- Document sent by Uruguay on November 16th.

Yours faithfully,

Leonardo Veiga Cr (President of the National Codex Committee)

Pedro Friedrich (Uruguay Focal Point)

Laura Flores (Uruguay CCMAS Coordinator)

ANNEX:

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Fecha 16/11/2012 10:45''

Tema: Comments related to CCMAS ewg discussion

Adjuntos: comentarios a incluir en el ewg\_final.docx; Explanatory\_Notes\_Principles\_Uruguayan draft.doc

Dear Claus and Phillip

I am a member of the Uruguayan CCMAS Group that is a participant in the ewg discussion. The group worked in the draft document included in the web site and wants to propose a new one (attached in this e-mail). We are sending also other file that includes a summary with the criteria used to review the draft.

The group wants to highlight the gratitude to participate in this discussion and expected that the draft document proposed will be useful to this forum.

Please confirm me the reception of this e-mail and the inclussion of our documents in the forum.

Best regards

MDE Laura Flores

by Uruguayan CCMAS

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Fecha 18/11/2012 18:40''

Tema: RE: Comments related to CCMAS ewg discussion

Dear Laura,

Thanks for your email. I am happy to confirm that the two documents from the Uruguayan CCMAS Group are included in the shared workspace used by the CCMAS eWG.

With regards,

Phil Fawcet

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