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**European Union comments on the**

**Discussion Paper on the updated References of Methods of Analysis and Related Texts**

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***Mixed Competence***

***Member States Vote***

**The method for determination of diastase activity – Phadebas test**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to invite CCMAS to consider the following issue:

For determining the diastase activity in honey, Codex Alimentarius currently refers to the Phadebas method based on the test with 15-minutes incubation time (AOAC 958.09).

However, it appears that in 2010 a method using a 30-minutes incubation time was introduced and that this method is commonly used. Furthermore, the EUMS were informed that the production of the Phadebas method with a 15 minutes incubation time has ceased.

Therefore, the EUMS invite CCMAS to consider this issue and consequently to revise the method for determination of diastase activity. The EUMS propose to update the method in order to take into account the change in incubation time from 15 to 30 minutes.

Phadebas should provide information regarding the comparability of the results obtained with these 2 methods for diastase activity.

The EUMS propose the following change in the Honey Standard (Codex STAN 12-1981):

**2.2 METHODS OF ANALYSIS**

**2.2.2 Determination of Diastase activity with Phadebas**

IHC Method for Determination of Diastase activity with Phadebas, 2009 **except that the incubation time should be increased from 15 to 30 minutes.**