Dear Secretary
Please find Iran comments on CL 2012/33-MAS " Draft Principles for the Use of Sampling and Testing in International Food Trade" as follow details:
**Section 3- Definition**
**Testing:**It is suggested to add a phrase such as the following to complete the definition:
Process to examine the specified characteristics of a sample in order to meet the defined specifications.
Testing procedure:
It is proposed a statement to be added to the definition which shows that for preparation of samples and analysis the standard methods should be used or the methods should be validated.
Sampling procedure:
It is better to state In the definition that a valid sampling plan which its measurement uncertainty has been determined be used.

**Section 5- references**:
It is suggested that the following guidelines from which the definitions have been taken out to be added to the references:

CAC/GL 50,
CAC/GL 72,
CAC/GL 54.
Some useful standards have been also published by ISO and other relevant organizations, which can be added to section 5 or be referred to them. The followings are examples of ISO standards:
- ISO 707:2008 (IDF 50: 2008) , Milk and milk products -- Guidance on sampling
- ISO 664:2008 , Oilseeds -- Reduction of laboratory sample to test sample
- ISO 874:1980 , Fresh fruits and vegetables – Sampling
- ISO 948:1980 , Spices and condiments – Sampling

Best regards.

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