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**PROPOSED DRAFT ANNEX TO THE GUIDELINE FOR THE CONDUCT OF FOOD SAFETY
ASSESSMENT OF FOODS DERIVED FROM RECOMBINANT-DNA PLANTS: *FOOD SAFETY
ASSESSMENT OF FOODS DERIVED FROM RECOMBINANT-DNA PLANTS MODIFIED FOR
NUTRITIONAL OR HEALTH BENEFITS AT STEP 4***

Comments at Step 3, in response to Circular Letter CL 2007/18-FBT, by Costa Rica

COSTA RICA

Costa Rica agrees that there is a need for further analysis and discussion of the content of the square brackets in paragraph 9 of the document at the next session of the Task Force in Chiba, Japan. It also believes that the Guideline should consider the exposure of populations to the different forms of consumption of each food, whether this be consumed fresh, or as a heat-processed product (cooked, dehydrated, etc.) or as a by-product such as oil or flour.

Costa Rica points out that this draft annex should not consider pharmaceuticals for modified plants in order that these may contain pharmaceutical products such as vaccines or antibiotics.

With regard to paragraph 10, Costa Rica suggests removing the square brackets from “undesirable substances” as the modification could generate a change in the metabolic pathways and produce an undesired substance.

Costa Rica agrees with the inclusion of paragraphs 12 and 14, as these are appropriate criteria for the shaping of the annex, and suggests that the square brackets be removed.