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Challenges and future directions for standardisation activities related to food analysis

CEN&CENELEC Meeting Centre
17 Av Marnix, Brussels
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EU food safety legislation establishes a cascade of methods that shall be used for official control purposes. Preference is given to either methods described in Community legislation or methods that comply with internationally recognised rules or protocols, for example those that the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) has accepted.

Standardised methods of analysis offer many advantages, the proven performance and the extensive documentation being their hallmarks.

The aim of the workshop is to identify current and future needs of stakeholders for standardised methods of analysis for food and feed, to acquaint attendees with possibilities offered by the CEN system, and to explore, with active participation from their side, the various alternatives at their disposal.

The workshop will bring together, next to technical experts, various stakeholders – policy makers, representatives of competent authorities, official and private control laboratory managers, research organisations, industry and trade, accreditation bodies, lawyers, and standard developing organisations – to discuss, among many other topics, the following topics and questions:

- How formally standardised methods contribute to the effective implementation of EU food safety legislation (EU policy maker, competent authorities)
- What are the possibilities within the CEN system for fast development of flexible deliverables?
- Has industry and trade a need for standardised methods?
- Do laboratory customers demand that standardised methods are used, if they exist?
- Do accreditation bodies require laboratories to use standardised methods if they exist? To what extent do laboratories use standardised methods and to what extent do they follow the procedure as described in the standardised methods?
- What are the alternative solutions within the CEN system to publication of methods in food safety area? ,
- How can the current approach be aligned to today's needs?

- Who provides funding for the standardisation process (method development – optimisation – collaborative study – formal standardisation)?

Programme

09:00	Registration and coffee
09:30 - 09:45	Welcome and framing of the workshop (<i>E. Anklam, JRC-IRMM, C. Missiroli, CEN</i>)
09:45 - 10:15	Overview of developments in food analysis standardisation (<i>R. Wood, FSA, retired</i>)
10:15 - 10:35	Legislative requirements for methods used in official food control (<i>F. Verstraete, EC, DG SANCO</i>)
10:35 - 11:55	Achievements in food analysis standardisation by CEN TC 275 Food Analysis – Horizontal Methods (<i>G. Schreiber, BVL, chairman of TC 275 and C. Seiler, DIN, secretary of TC 275</i>)
	Break
11:15 - 11:35	Industry requirements for standardised food analysis methods (<i>Jacqueline van der Wielen, Mars Nederland B.V</i>)
11:35 - 11:55	Pathways to standards in the CEN system (<i>K. Krzystek, CEN</i>)
11:55 - 12:15	Summary of presentations and discussion
	Lunch
13:15 - 13:30	Introduction to the afternoon session
13:30 - 15:15	Group work (World Café)
	Break
15:45 - 16:30	Discussion and conclusions