

**COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED GUIDELINES TO FURTHER  
THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 5.5**

Submission by Egypt

The following proposed amendments to the text of the proposed guidelines contained in document G/SPS/W/104 have been received from the Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt, with the request that they be circulated to all Members.

As regards guideline A.1, the following (highlighted) addition is proposed to be inserted at the beginning of the last sentence of the comments:

**Recognizing that social values and consumption patterns reflecting the national specificity of each Member may be difficult to quantify, the use of quantitative terms, where feasible, to describe the appropriate level of protection can facilitate the identification of arbitrary or unjustified distinctions in levels deemed appropriate in different situations.**

As regards guideline A.2, the following (highlighted) additions are proposed to be inserted in the last paragraph of the comments:

- ***substantial differences in the levels of protection considered to be appropriate in the face of similar risks in different situations;***
- ***the existence of arbitrary or unjustifiable differences in the levels of protection considered by a Member as appropriate in the face of similar risks in different situations;***

As regards guideline A.4, the following paragraph is proposed to be added to the end of the comments:

**It could be of help that an independent advisory body of experts would handle the assessment of the degree of similarity between the various risks under examination, whether new or previous ones.**