The Member States of the European Community (MSEC) strongly support the continuation of work of the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS).

CCMAS has an overseeing role for general methodology considerations and an endorsing role for specific methods proposed by the Codex Committees. It is essential that these roles be maintained else there will be disharmony of approach by the various Codex Commodity Committees with regards the general requirements for specific methods.

In addition, there is no other Committee which can develop the horizontal requirements in the methods of sampling and analysis areas for Codex. All of these are essential for the interpretation of Codex Standards to be both effective and uniform.