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## VOTE ON NEW WORK ITEM PROPOSAL

# 18/02 – A

### **Cheese - Guidance on sample preparation for physical and chemical testing**

<i>Date of circulation :</i>	12 February 2018
<i>Closing date for voting :</i>	19 March 2018

**IDF National Committees of full IDF member countries are requested to vote.**

#### **Notes from IDF Head Office**

The full background and explanation on the proposed New Work Item and the results of evaluation of the proposal by the IDF Science Programme Coordination Committee are included.

IDF National Committees of full member countries are requested to reply to this survey within the deadline specified above.

IDF National Committees that have no interest in the subject matter but at the same time do not want to block adoption of this new work item that is important for other National Committees should indicate their wish to abstain from voting.

IDF National Committees of Associate IDF member countries that may wish to express an interest in active participation are requested to send this form to the IDF Head Office within the deadline specified above.

# IDF New Work Item Proposal

**NWI title: Cheese - Guidance on sample preparation for physical and chemical testing**

**Proposer: H van den Bijgaart (NL), supported by SCAMC**

**Date: 27/10/2017**

<b>Description of the work and why is it important to the dairy sector?</b>	
<p>Determination of the composition and physical characteristics of cheese (e.g. moisture content, fat content, salt content, pH) is relevant for an optimal production, in trade and for checking compliance with regulatory requirements. Proper sampling and a harmonized sample preparation procedure are critical steps for arriving at representative test results. The objective of the work is to fill the gap between ISO 707 IDF 50 Cheese – Guidance on sampling and the already existing analytical standards for the determination of the chemical and physical properties of a prepared sample.</p>	
<b>Why should IDF work on this item? This should include the benefit that IDF can deliver, and the consequences if IDF would not undertake this work.</b>	
<p>IDF, in cooperation with ISO, are tasked to maintain and strengthen a portfolio of analytical standards for the global dairy sector. It is important to have a complete and consistent portfolio of internationally recognized standards. These standards have to be up to date and easy to implement.</p>	
<b>How does this work align with IDF's Strategy (which pillar, which objective, etc)?</b>	
<p>This work fits in the standards area, in particular analytical standards. It aligns with the objective to contribute to the development of international harmonized science-based standards and proactively partnering/collaborating with other organizations to achieve desired outcomes for the dairy supply chain, ensuring harmonization and avoiding duplication.</p>	
<b>Who outside of IDF is working on this item? (IGOs, key influencers, other dairy organizations like GDP, other public and private sector organizations...)</b>	
<p>No other organization has been identified.</p>	
<b>What, Who, When, How ?</b>	
<b>Proposed Deliverable(s)</b>	ISO/IDF International Standard
<b>Specify intended use of the end product</b>	For use as a standardized method, for dispute resolution and checking compliance
<b>Target audience</b>	Regulators, laboratories, and manufacturers
<b>Proposed body to be responsible</b>	SC on Analytical Methods for Composition
<b>Proposed leader</b>	H. van den Bijgaart (NL). Proposed members: J Kerkhof (NL), J Audy (CA), M Povolo (IT), L Monti (IT), R Brändli (NO).
<b>Other IDF Bodies to be involved</b>	SCAMAC, SCAMPAL and SCSA to be informed.
<b>Have interdependencies with other projects been identified?</b>	None
<b>Proposed Completion Date</b>	2020
<b>Requirements regarding IDF Head Office staff support</b>	Prepare proposal, consult relevant SCs, MSSG, SPCC, sending out NWI proposal and collate

	responses, adding to SC agenda and send relevant working documents, send out questionnaire and collate responses, coordinate with ISO and AT leader. Preparing communication, publish on the website. Estimated staff time needed: 7 working days
<b>Funding requirements, if any, and how these will be covered – define internal vs. external sources.</b>	None
<b>Further requirements or details</b>	A first draft text, based on NEN 3752 is provided. It is to be extended with descriptions for other cheese types.
<b>Communication</b>	
<b>What is the objective of the communication?</b>	Create awareness when the updated method is available, and promote its use
<b>Specify the main messages to get across with the end product</b>	Harmonized methodology and simplification for the users
<b>Who are the organizations and/or individuals targeted in communication efforts?</b>	Regulators and users
<b>Specific deadline to be met (events, meetings, other publications)</b>	None

#### **IDF Science and Programme Coordination Committee's evaluation of the proposal**

	<b>Evaluation</b>	<b>Yes/No or recommendation</b>
1	Does the proposed work item meet the IDF mission and strategy ?	Yes
2	In which IDF Strategy focus area does this item fit?	Standards
3	Are there sufficient resources available in IDF?	Yes
4	Has the communications planning been sufficiently outlined?	Yes
5	At this time, is this a priority item?	No
6	What approval category should apply for the final end product? a) IDF National Committees b) Science and Programme Coordination Committee or c) Standing Committee / Task Force	a) IDF National Committees (and ISO member bodies)
7	Science and Programme Coordination Committee's recommendation for adoption of the new work item by IDF	Endorse