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## **Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling 41st Session (CCMAS)**

**Last Meeting:** 41<sup>st</sup> Session, 17-25 May 2021, Virtual

**Full Report of the 39th Session –** [Link to Report & Agenda](#)

**Next Meeting:** 42nd Session, TBA

### **NZ Delegation Report 41st Session:**

NZ achieved its key objective to progress the NZ-led revision of the General Guidelines on Sampling to the next stage (Step 5).

The Guidelines are being updated to develop a clear and useable science-based approach to sampling inspection for international trade in food.

New Zealand attended the 41<sup>st</sup> Session. Main outcomes of importance to NZ were as follows:

The Guidelines form part of a package that includes a Reference Document, a How-To Guide for the design of sampling plans and an E-book [containing links to apps for the design and evaluation of sampling plans].

Having statistically informed, globally agreed guidelines on sampling is expected to provide significant benefits to NZ exporters by providing greater clarity around the requirements for sampling and testing of foods and in avoiding trade disputes.