

الاجتماع الأول

لنقاط الاتصال الوطنية للدستور الغذائي في الدول العربية

التحضير لاجتماعات اللجنة الفنية للدستور الغذائي المعنية بالملوثات في الأغذية

في إطار انعقاد دورتها الخامسة عشرة (CCCF15)

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Outcomes of the 14th Session of CCCF

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3-7 and 13 May 2021

REP21/CF

Maximum Level for Cadmium in in Cocoa and Chocolate Products

- **CCCF 14 agreed:**

- For chocolates containing or declaring <30% total cocoa solids : to advance the ML of 0.3 mg/kg to Step 8 for adoption by CAC44, noting the reservations of the European Union, Norway and Egypt to this decision.
- For chocolates containing or declaring ≥30% to <50% total cocoa solids : to advance the ML of 0.7 mg/kg to Step 5/8 for adoption by CAC44, noting the reservations of the European Union, Switzerland, Norway and Egypt.
- For Cocoa powder containing or declaring 100% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis ready for consumption:
 - i. to postpone discussion on the MLs by one year to allow for more data submission and proposals for MLs;
 - ii. to re-establish the EWG chaired by Ecuador, and co-chaired by Ghana, working in English and Spanish to continue working on the ML for cocoa powder containing or declaring 100% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis ready for consumption taking into consideration submitted written comments and comments made at CCCF14; and to present the analysis in more detail at CCCF15
 - iii. to request JECFA to issue a call for data specific to cocoa powder containing or declaring 100% total cocoa solids ready for consumption;
- To advance the COP for the Prevention and Reduction of Cadmium Contamination in Cocoa Beans for adoption **at Step 5 by CAC44.**

CAC44 Decisions Related to CCCF

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REP21/CAC
November 2021

FINAL ADOPTION

Maximum Level for Cadmium in Chocolates Containing or Declaring <30% Total Cocoa Solids on a Dry Matter Basis.

- **CAC44 adopted:**
 - **ML of 0.3 mg/kg for chocolates containing or declaring <30% total cocoa solids at Step 8.**
 - Reservations to this decision: the European Union, Norway, Egypt, Switzerland and Ukraine.

CAC44 Decisions Related to CCCF

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REP21/CAC
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FINAL ADOPTION

Chocolates containing or declaring $\geq 30\%$ to $< 50\%$ total cocoa solids

CAC44 adopted:

- ML of 0.7 mg/kg for chocolates containing or declaring $\geq 30\%$ to $< 50\%$ total cocoa solids at **Step 5/8**.
- Reservations to the decision: the European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Egypt and Ukraine.

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REP21/CAC
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FINAL ADOPTION

Revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead Contamination in Foods (CXS 56-2004)

CAC44 adopted:

- The revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead Contamination in Foods (CXS 56-2004) at **Step 5/8**;
- The amendment to extend the MLs for lead in fruit juices and grape juice in the General Standard for Contaminants in Food and Feed (CXS 193-1995) to cover infants and young children, noting the reservations of the European Union, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine.

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REP21/CAC
November 2021

ADOPTION AT STEP 5

Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Cadmium Contamination in Cocoa Beans

- CAC44 adopted the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans at **Step 5**.
- CAC44 endorsed the extension of the timeline for completion of the work to CCCF16.

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Proposals for new work

CAC44 approved as new work:

- MLs for methylmercury in orange roughy and pink cusk eel.
- Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava based products.

CCCF15: the 15th Session

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS

15th Session
Virtual
9-13 and 24 May 2022

Industrial, environmental and naturally occurring toxicants **Cadmium (Cd)**

Agenda Item	Title
5	Maximum levels for cadmium in cocoa powder (100% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis) (<u>at Step 4</u>)
6	Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans (<u>at Step 7</u>)

CCCF15: Priority Agenda Items

Industrial, environmental and naturally occurring toxicants

Lead (Pb)

Agenda Item	Title
7	Maximum levels for lead in certain food categories (<u>at Step 4</u>)

Industrial, environmental and naturally occurring toxicants

Methylmercury (MeHg)

Agenda Item	Title
8	Maximum levels for methylmercury in certain fish species and associated sampling plan (orange roughy and pink cusk eel) (<u>at Step 4</u>)
13	Methylmercury in fish: Feasibility to establish a maximum level for Patagonian toothfish. Other risk management recommendations (<u>Discussion paper</u>)

Toxins

Total Aflatoxins and Ochratoxin A

Agenda Item	Title
9	Maximum levels for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children and associated sampling plan <u>(at Step 4)</u>
10	Maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to eat peanuts and associated sampling plan <u>(at Step 4)</u>
11	Maximum levels for total aflatoxins and Ochratoxin A in nutmeg, dried chili and paprika, ginger, pepper and turmeric and associated sampling plans <u>(at Step 4)</u>
12	Code of practice for prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products <u>(at Step 4)</u>

General Issues

Agenda Item	Title
15	Guidance on data analysis for development of maximum levels and for improved data collection
16	Review of methods of analysis for contaminants

Group of Experts constituted jointly by AIDSMO and GFORSS

- Perform a **critical analysis** of CCCF15 agenda items of priority for the Arab region, including the work carried out by the CODEX EWGs.
- Delivery of opinions and recommendations based on **scientific and technical arguments**.
- Preparation of summary reports to be shared with Arab CODEX contact points, in the framework of the formulation of their **national positions**.



❖ Delivery of opinions and recommendations based on **scientific and technical arguments**:

- Valorize the data on **Cd and Pb** already collected from published articles for the 22 Arab countries.
- Aim to perform **exposure assessments** for the Arab Region.

Arab Food Occurrence Database



The investment in data availability to support food regulatory measures is one of the key elements of the mandate of the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS). The availability and accuracy of occurrence data is crucial to support the development of sound and substantiated food regulatory decisions; data being the backbone of the risk analysis process. Similarly, the ability to contribute to the development and / or adaptation of international food standards requires the reliance on a robust set of occurrence data that reflect the local, national or regional environment and to support exposure assessment. Accessibility to occurrence data is yet a major challenge faced by the Arab region. Therefore, a priority area of investment in the field of food regulatory science was set for the region to ensure the availability of such data. This online portal was developed in this context, to allow the collection of occurrence data through a systematic scanning and data mining of published articles, and from data providers in the region (competent authorities, control laboratories, research institutes, academic institutions, etc.). It is expected that this database constitutes the repository of food occurrence data for the Arab region, enabling its possible contribution to the GEMS Food database and other international calls for data in support of international food standard setting.

Users and data providers are kindly requested to register through the [registration link](#). For any support or technical issue, please do not hesitate to contact us at database@arabcodex.org.

Call for Experts

CALL FOR EXPERTS

For the participation in the expert appraisal work carried out by GFORSS within the framework of the ARAB CODEX INITIATIVE

Deadline
Friday
08/04/2022

دعوة لترشيح خبراء

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Pour la participation aux travaux d'expertises menés par GFORSS dans le cadre de l'INITIATIVE CODEX ARABE

