

# Arab Codex Initiative

# Outlines

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**Arab Codex  
Initiative  
Activities**

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**Arab Position  
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**Preparation of  
studies/  
Submission of  
scientific  
documents**

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**Capacity  
Building**

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**Use information  
technology**

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# Arab Codex Initiative

- ✓ implemented by PARERA and GForSS
- ✓ In coordination and cooperation with the Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO)
- ✓ Funded by the US Codex Office, US Department of Agriculture.

# Meeting of Arab Codex Initiative and GFoRSS experts



January 23, 2023



Discussion of a methodological development study supporting the application of the Codex Guidelines on Extrapolation of MRLs for Veterinary Drugs Used in Aquaculture and Camelids Sector in the Arab Region.

# Coordination meetings of Arab Codex Contact Point 2023

8th  
meeting

January 24, 2023

Major outputs of the 45th session of  
the Codex Alimentarius Commission

CAC45

13th  
meeting

April 27, 2023

Review and analysis of  
CCFICS26 agenda Items



Establishment of three Arab electronic working groups:

- Collection and analysis of data on moisture in fresh dates in the Arab region.
- Maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts
- Harissa

9th  
meeting

February 2, 2023

Review and analysis of  
CCRVDF26 agenda Items

10th  
meeting

March 1, 2023

Review and analysis of  
CCNFSDU43 agenda Items

11th  
meeting

March 23, 2023

Review and analysis of  
CCFA53 agenda Items

12th  
meeting

April 1, 2023

Review and analysis of  
CCCF16 agenda Items

14th  
meeting

May 10, 2023

Review and analysis of  
CCFL47 agenda Items

# CRDs

CRD10 Examined the opportunity to derive MRLs applicable to Camelid tissues based on Codex MRLs for veterinary substances used with ruminants.



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CRD10  
February 2023

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS

26th Session  
13-17 February 2023  
Portland, Oregon, United States of America

UPDATE OF THE PROJECT ON EXTRAPOLATION OF MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS FOR VETERINARY DRUGS  
TO ONE OR MORE SPECIES – CAMELIDS

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CRD11  
February 2023

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS

26th Session  
13-17 February 2023  
Portland, Oregon, United States of America

EXTRAPOLATION OF EXISTING CODEX VETERINARY DRUG MRLS FOR AQUACULTURE

Submitted by Jordan, Morocco, IUFoST and AIDSMO<sup>1</sup>

CRD11 Reviewed the opportunity to derive MRLs for priority veterinary substances for use in conjunction with the aquaculture production of fish species relevant to the Arab region – such as, Tilapia – based on Codex MRLs for other fish species.



# Capacity-building in the field of Codex Alimentarius: training courses



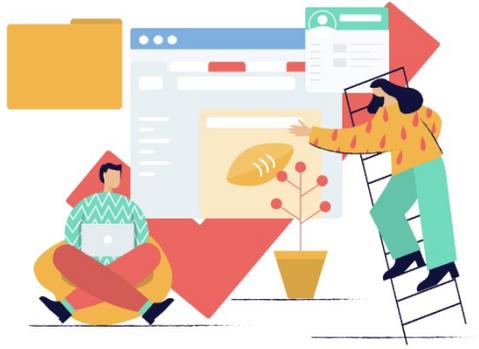
**Rabat - Morocco**



**Hammamet - Tunisia**



**Amman - Jordan**

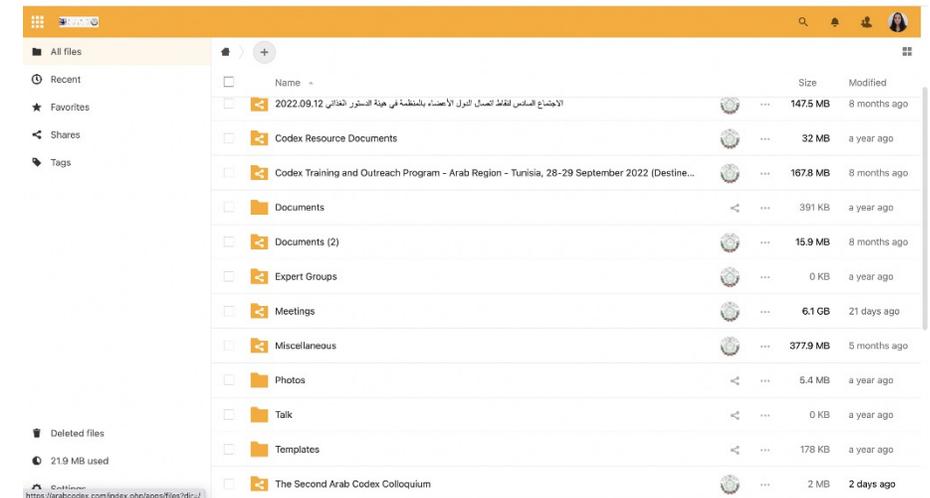


## Meeting outcomes:

- Videos and presentations
- Agenda items analysis documents

## On the website of:

- [www.gforss.org](http://www.gforss.org)
- Arab Codex Platform [www.arabcodex.com](http://www.arabcodex.com)



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Intro

Coordination

Codex Alimentarius

### Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

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### Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

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### Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

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### Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

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### Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

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### Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)

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### Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

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### Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Codex Alimentarius

#### 14th Codex Coordination Meeting of the Arab National Contact Points

10 May 2023

- Meeting Agenda
- Review and Analysis of CCFL47 Agenda Items: [English](#) | [العربي](#)
- Meeting Report: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربي](#)
- Meeting Video: [Live Recording](#)

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#### 13th Codex Coordination Meeting of the Arab National Contact Points

27 April 2023

- Meeting Agenda
- Review and Analysis of CCFICS26 Agenda Items: [English](#)
- Meeting Report: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربي](#)
- Meeting Video: [Live Recording](#)

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#### 12th Codex Coordination Meeting of the Arab National Contact Points

11 April 2023

- Meeting Agenda
- Review and Analysis of CCF16 Agenda Items: [العربي](#)
- Meeting Report: [العربي](#) | [Français](#) | [العربي](#)
- Meeting Video: [Live Recording](#)

to which they are affiliated. The selection and participation in the EWG proceedings is based on each expert's own cre... which should not be misconstrued as the country's / delegation's / organization's position to which they

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#### 16th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF16)

18-21, 26 April 2023, Utrecht, Netherlands

- Agenda Item 2 – Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies: [English](#) | [العربية](#)
- Agenda Item 5 – Maximum levels for lead in certain food categories (at Steps 4 and 7): [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربية](#) | [تسجيل مباشر](#)
- Agenda Item 6 – Code of Practice for prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربية](#) | [تسجيل مباشر](#)
- Agenda Item 7 – Sampling plans for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربية](#) | [تسجيل مباشر](#)
- Agenda Item 8 – Maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan (at Step 4): [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربية](#) | [تسجيل مباشر](#)
- Agenda Item 9 – Maximum levels for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in nutmeg, dried chili and paprika, ginger, pepper and turmeric: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربية](#) | [تسجيل مباشر](#)
- Agenda Item 16 – Priority list of contaminants for evaluation by JECFA: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربية](#) | [تسجيل مباشر](#)

#### 15th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF15)

14-15 May 2022

Report of the CCCF15: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربية](#)

Meeting Agenda Deadline: 8 April 2022: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [العربية](#)

# Future Activities of the Arab Codex Initiative

- ❖ Follow-up preparation for the meetings of the priority committees of the Codex Alimentarius in the Arab region,
- ❖ Supporting the work and activities of the Arab e-working groups and sharing the outcomes of their meetings with the rest of the Arab countries' contact points in Codex
- ❖ Training and qualification of Arab delegations participating in codex meetings
- ❖ Use of IT applications (e-platforms, databases,...)
- ❖ Preparation The participation of Arab countries in the meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC 46).
- ❖ Preparing studies based on scientific foundations and supporting food safety and fair trade for food products,
- ❖ Coordinating the Arab position in CCEXEC and strengthening the presence of Arab countries in the leadership positions of the Codex Alimentarius and highlighting its leading role in decision-making
- ❖ Hosting the meetings of the Codex Alimentarius Committees concerned with sectors of interest to the Arab region.
- ❖ Work and coordinate with the CCNE Regional Coordinating Committee for the Near East to support the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
- ❖ Continuing to prepare CRD documents to be included in the documents of the Codex Committees to highlight the positions of the Arab countries



**Video of the Arab Codex Initiative achievements  
2022-2023**