



Report of the 23rd meeting of the Arab Codex Contact Points

As part of the implementation of recommendation (4) of the 22nd meeting report of the Arab Codex Contact Points, held virtually on Monday 26 February 2024, which states:

“The 23rd meeting of Arab CCPs will be held at a date to be determined later in coordination with GFoRSS.

This coordination meeting was held virtually on Thursday 4 April 2024 to prepare the meeting (17) of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF17), with the participation of representatives of the following Arab countries:

1. Jordan
2. United Arab Emirates
3. Bahrain
4. Syria
5. Oman
6. Palestine
7. Qatar
8. Libya
9. Egypt
10. Morocco
11. Yemen

As well as AIDSMO, GFoRSS, and GSO representatives.

The meeting was opened by the representative of AIDSMO and the coordinator of the Arab Codex Initiative, in a speech in which he welcomed the participants and thanked them for responding to the invitation to participate, noting that the meeting is concerned with analyzing the agenda items of the 17th meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF17) to be held in Panama during the period 15 - 19 April 2024. He also welcomed the efforts made by the experts of the Arab Codex Initiative under Prof. Samuel Godefroy and thanked the representatives of Jordan, Oman, Qatar, and Egypt for preparing and presenting the meeting's presentations.

The meeting agenda items were approved as follows:

Agenda item	Subject
Item 1	Opening Remarks and adoption of Agenda: Arab Codex Initiative Coordinator
Item 2	Review and analysis of agenda Items of Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF17) <u>Presented by representatives of: Jordan, Oman, Qatar, and Egypt.</u>
Item 3	Other points

During the second item of this meeting, the following items that will be presented during the 17th meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF17), which are of interest to the Arab countries, were reviewed and analyzed.

- Items 3, 5, and 7 were introduced by the representatives of Egypt as follows:

Agenda item 3: Matters of interest arising from FAO and WHO including the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives

Agenda item 5: Maximum levels for lead in certain food categories (at Step 4)

Agenda item 7: Definition for ready-to-eat peanuts for the establishment of a maximum level for total aflatoxins in this product.

- Items 6, 9, and 16 were introduced by the representatives of Oman as follows:

Agenda item 6: Sampling plans for methylmercury in fish (at Step 4)

Agenda item 9: Code of practice/guidelines for the prevention and reduction of ciguatera poisoning (at Step 4)

Agenda item 16: Development of a Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in foods

- Item 13 was introduced by the representatives of Qatar as follows:

Agenda item 16: Cadmium and lead in quinoa

- Items 14 and 15 were introduced by the representatives of Jordan as follows:

Agenda item 14: Review of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (CXC 55-2004)

Agenda item 15: Review of the Code of Practice for the Reduction of Aflatoxin B1 in Raw Materials and Supplemental Feeding stuffs for Milk-Producing Animals (CXC 45-1997)

This item saw several interventions, including the representatives of the UAE and Oman.

Lastly, the following conclusions and recommendations were adopted:

1. Inclusion of all documents and presentations presented during the meeting in the interactive platform of the Arab Codex Initiative (www.Arabcodex.com).
2. Thanking Prof. Samuel Godefroy/President of GFoRSS, the experts of the Arab Codex Initiative, and the representatives of the following Arab countries: Jordan, Oman, Qatar, and Egypt for preparing and presenting analysis presentations for the agenda items of the 17th meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF17).
3. The 24th meeting of Arab CCPs will be held at a date to be determined later in coordination with GFoRSS.