

Review of outcomes of CCCF18

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Codex Texts for adoption at Step 8 and 5/8

CCCF18 agreed to forward to CAC48 the following:

- Maximum levels for lead in certain food categories as follows:
 - a) ML of 2.5 mg/kg for spices, dried bark for adoption at Step 8, noting the reservations of China and India; and
 - b) ML of 2.0 mg/kg for lead in dried culinary herbs for adoption at Step 5/8, noting the reservations of China and India.
- the sampling plan for total aflatoxin and ochratoxin A in certain spices at Step 8 for adoption by CAC49 after endorsement by CCMAS45.
- the revised *Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts* (CXC 55-2004) for adoption at Step 5/8.





Proposals for approval as new work

No	Topics	EWG
1	The revision of the <i>Code of practice for weed control to</i> prevent and reduce pyrrolizidine alkaloid contamination in food and feed (CXC 74-2014)	Chaired by: Türkiye Co-chaired by: United Kingdom and The Netherlands
2	The revision the <i>Code of practice for the reduction of</i> Aflatoxin B1 in raw materials and supplemental feedingstuffs for milk-producing animals (CXC 45-1997)	Chaired by: Canada Co-chaired by: Saudi Arabia
3	A Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of tropane alkaloids in food and feed	Chaired by: China Co-chaired by: Saudi Arabia





Further works for consideration at CCCF19

- establish an EWG, chaired by Japan and co-chaired by India, Panama and the USA, to prepare a discussion paper exploring options for guidance on the application of MLs to spice mixture.
- re-establish the EWG, chaired by India, co-chaired by Qatar and Saudi Arabia, to further develop the discussion paper on the review of the Code of practice for the reduction of acrylamide in foods (CXC 67-2009).
- establish an EWG, chaired by the European Union, working in English, to prepare a discussion paper on T-2, HT-2, 4,15-diacetoxyscirpenol (DAS) and ergot alkaloids.
- request USA, with assistance from Canada and Japan, to prepare a discussion paper on developing guidance related to food safety aspects of recycled plastics in food packaging.





Further works for consideration at CCCF19 (continued)

- establish an EWG, chaired by Türkiye and co-chaired by the United Kingdom, to prepare the
 discussion paper on the development of a code of practice for the prevention and reduction of
 ochratoxin A in dried fruits.
- request Brazil with assistance from Costa Rica, to prepare this discussion paper on identification of methods for MLs in CXS 193-1995 for which there are no methods in CXS 234-1999.
- return the draft Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in foods to Steps 2/3 for redrafting by the EWG, chaired by the USA and circulation for comments with the intent to achieve advancement to Step 5.





Other works of CCCF18

- endorse the main text of the "Guidance on data analysis for the development of maximum levels and for improved data collection" and to publish it as an information document on the Codex website and re-establish the EWG, chaired by the European Union, and co-chaired by Japan, The Netherlands and USA, to continue the work on remaining Annexes.
- forward the numerical performance criteria for methods of analysis contained in sampling plans for total aflatoxins in peanuts intended for further processing, tree nuts RTE and tree nuts destined for further processing to CCMAS45 for endorsement and inclusion in CXS 234-1999.





Other works of CCCF18 (continued)

- establish an EWG chaired by Brazil, co-chaired by Thailand, to prepare a discussion paper on the review of MLs for aflatoxins (AFTs) in certain cereals and cereal-based products, including foods for infants and young children for consideration at CCCF20
- endorse the priority list of contaminants for JECFA evaluation as the following:
 - Dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs;
 - Arsenic (inorganic and organic);
 - Scopoletin;
 - Thallium;
 - Perfluoroalkyl substances;
 - Ethylene oxide and 2- chloroethanol;
 - Ochratoxin; and
 - Cadmium and lead in yerba mate.





Proposals from Thailand

Issue:

CCCF18 agreed that Brazil, in a conjunction of JECFA Secretariat, would prepare a call for data on the MLs for total aflatoxins in various cereals and cereal products for consideration by CCCF19 and establish an EWG, chaired by Brazil, and co-chaired by Thailand, to prepare a discussion paper on review all data in GEMS/Food to assess the need for revising the MLs for total aflatoxins in various cereals and cereal products in GSCTFF for CCCF20 consideration.

Recommendation:

Thailand encouraged all ASIAN member countries to collect occurrence data on total aflatoxins in cereals and cereal products, particularly polished rice and husked rice, and submit the data to GEMS/Food database.



Thank you

for your attention!!!