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Agenda Item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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6	Proposed draft revision of maximum levels for lead in selected fruits and vegetables (fresh and processed) in the <i>General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed</i> (CODEX STAN 193-1995) (at Step 4)	CX/CF 16/10/7
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8	Proposed draft maximum levels for cadmium in cocoa and cocoa-derived products (at Step 4)	CX/CF 16/10/9
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Toxins		
9	Draft revision of the <i>Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cereals</i> (CAC/RCP 51-2003) (general provisions) (at Step 7)	REP15/CF Appendix VII
	- Comments at Step 6 (in reply to CL 2015/24-CF)	CX/CF 16/10/10
10	Proposed draft Annexes to the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cereals (CAC/RCP 51-2003) (at Step 4)	CX/CF 16/10/11
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/CF 16/10/11-Add.1

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11	Proposed draft Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in spices (at Step 4)	CX/CF 16/10/12
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Discussion Papers		
12	Discussion paper on an Annex for ergot and ergot alkaloids to the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cereals (CAC/RCP 51-2003)	CX/CF 16/10/13
13	Discussion paper on the development of maximum levels for mycotoxins in spices and possible prioritisation of work	CX/CF 16/10/14
14	Discussion paper on maximum levels for methylmercury in fish	CX/CF 16/10/15
General Issues		
15	Priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for evaluation by JECFA	REP15/CF, Appendix IX
	- Comments (in reply to CL 2015/8-CF: Part II)	CX/CF 16/10/16
16	Other business and future work	
17	Date and place of next session	
18	Adoption of the report	

INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Document for information and use in discussions related to contaminants and toxins of the GSCTFF (Doc. Ref. CF/10 INF/1): An updated version of the document for information and use to support discussions on contaminants and toxins during the 10th Session of the Committee will be made available.

INFORMATION NOTES

Maximum levels for inorganic arsenic in husked rice (Agenda Item 5): The 9th Session of the Committee agreed to forward the proposed draft ML of 0.35 mg/kg of inorganic arsenic in husked rice with a note for total arsenic as screening method to the 38th Session of the Commission for adoption at Step 5.

Following this decision, the Committee had also agreed to re-establish the Electronic Working Group to further consider new/additional data provided by countries especially main rice-producing countries and countries where husked rice was a major staple food in view of the opinions expressed in relation to the need for more geographically representative data. The Committee should then consider the outcome of the analysis performed by the EWG based on the current and new/additional data to confirm or change the ML of 0.35 mg/kg at its next session.

The Commission adopted the proposed draft ML at Step 5 as proposed by the Committee and advanced the draft ML to Step 6 for comments.

The draft ML of 0.35 mg/kg as considered by the Committee and adopted by the Commission is submitted for comments at Step 6. Comments submitted at Step 6 in reply to CL 2015/32-CF are compiled in CX/CF 16/10/6.

The outcome of the analysis performed by the EWG based on the current and new/additional data to confirm or change the ML of 0.35 mg/kg is presented for consideration by the Committee in working document CX/CF 16/10/5.

Codex Members and Observers wishing to submit comments on the draft ML of 0.35 mg/kg for inorganic arsenic in husked rice should do so in reply to CL 2015/32-CF while taking into account the outcome of the analysis presented in CX/CF 16/10/5 and the discussion held and conclusions made at the 9th Session of the Committee (REP15/CF, paras 56 – 69).

Maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan: The 9th Session of the Committee agreed to request JECFA to conduct an exposure assessment for health impact and calculate violation rates based on the hypothetical MLs of 4, 8, 10 and 15 µg/kg for total aflatoxins in RTE peanuts.

The Committee agreed that work on the ML for aflatoxins in RTE would be undertaken when the results of the JECFA impact assessment became available.

The Committee also noted that exposure assessment and impact assessment of different MLs for aflatoxins for RTE peanuts had been included in the Priority List of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants proposed for evaluation by JECFA (REP15/CF, para 147 and Appendix IX).

The Committee therefore agreed to hold the proposed draft ML and sampling plan at Step 4 pending the outcome of the JECFA exposure assessment for health impact (REP15/CF, paras 92 – 100).

Following this decision, this item is not under discussion by the present session of the Committee but it is kept at Step 4 awaiting the outcome of the JECFA impact assessment.