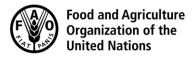
# CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION





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Agenda Item 7

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

## **CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS**

17th Session 15-19 April 2024

Comments submitted by Philippines

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

## **POSITION:**

**General Comment:** 

The Philippines would like to thank the Electronic Working Group led by India, for preparing the proposed definition for Ready-to-Eat (RTE) peanuts.

The Philippines fully supports the proposal to establish a clear definition of RTE Peanuts for the establishment of a Maximum Level (ML) for Total Aflatoxin in RTE peanuts. Providing a clear definition will ensure accurate segregation and gathering of data for the GEMS/FOOD database.

## **Specific Comments:**

Comment Type	Category	Proposed Change	Rationale/Comment
Paragraph 7	Editorial and Substantive	The Philippines supports the proposed definition for RTE peanuts but would like to recommend the following modifications:	In the Philippines, peanuts are also consumed in variety of RTE forms namely:
		Ready-to-Eat (RTE) peanuts are <b>food</b> products intended for direct human consumption, not intended to undergo an additional processing/treatment that has been proven to reduce levels	<ul> <li>boiled in-shell peanuts,</li> <li>steamed peanuts,</li> <li>flavored peanuts</li> </ul>
		of aflatoxins before being used as ingredients in foodstuffs. These	For the editorial comment:
		products are otherwise processed, packed in <i>various types of packaging</i> such as consumer or bulk, and labeled as "RTE peanuts". <i>They</i> include, but <i>are</i> not restricted to: (i) raw shelled peanuts, (ii) raw in-shell peanuts, (iii) roasted in-shell peanuts, (iv) roasted/blanched shelled peanuts, (v) fried shelled peanuts with or without skin, <i>(vi) boiled in-shell peanuts, (vii) steamed peanuts, (viii) flavored peanuts,</i> (ix) coated peanuts, (x) seasoned peanuts, (xii) smoked peanuts, (xiii) salted and cooked	- "All types of packaging" was recommended to replace with "various types of packaging" as various types of packaging recognizes the potential diversity of packaging options without making an overly definitive claim about including every single type.
		peanuts, (xii) salted and cooked peanuts, (x) peanut butter.	