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Workshop on principles and concepts applicable to developing Codex guidelines on evaluation and risk management of very low levels of chemicals in foods where they are not covered by existing standards or guidelines

Communication from New Zealand

As we progress with planning and preparation for the Workshop that we are hosting on 2 April 2017 in Brazil in conjunction with the 11th session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods, New Zealand would like to provide some further clarification on the purpose of the workshop.

The main purpose of the workshop is to provide an informal forum for:

- Discussion of the issues raised by New Zealand in CAC/39 CRD 20¹;
- Review of existing Codex texts relevant to the new work proposal and their potential linkages and relevance to the proposed new work;
- Discussion of current approaches to risk assessment and management of very low levels of chemicals inadvertently present in food and for which no specific recommendations exist; and
- Illustration of country case studies of risk assessment and risk management approaches.

It is hoped that this informal workshop will provide an opportunity for delegates to consider the various issues raised in CAC/39 CRD 20 and facilitate informed discussion when the new work proposal comes up for consideration in the Committee.

We would also take this opportunity to urge those members and observer organizations that are interested in participating in the workshop and who have not yet registered to submit their registrations as soon as possible.

New Zealand looks forward to working closely with members and observer organizations at the workshop.

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¹ <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/detail/en/?meeting=CAC&session=39>