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**Agenda Item 17**

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**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS**

**12<sup>th</sup> Session  
Utrecht, The Netherlands, 12 - 16 March 2018**

**PRIORITY LIST OF CONTAMINANTS AND NATURALLY OCCURRING TOXICANTS FOR EVALUATION  
BY JECFA**

*Comment submitted by Philippines*

**PHILIPPINES**

**POSITION:**

The Philippines supports the prioritization of inorganic arsenic in rice. The Philippines has occurrence data on total arsenic and cadmium in polished rice collected during the dry and wet seasons 2016. The study is on-going until wet season of 2018. The data is for submission to GEMS/Food.

**RATIONALE:**

The Philippine population consumes rice as staple food and is susceptible to health implications of arsenic and cadmium in rice.