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COMMENTS ON REVOCATION OF CODEX TEXTS

Comments of Sierra Leone, Ghana, Liberia

Revocation of existing MLs for the mango chutney, salt, fat spreads and blended spreads, edible fats and oils in view of the adoption of revised MLs

Comments of Sierra Leone, Ghana, Liberia

SIERRA LEONE

Main issues:

Once CAC has adopted the new MLs, the existing MLs for mango chutney, salt, fat spreads and blended spreads, edible fats and oils have to be revoked.

RECOMMENDATION POSITION

Sierra Leone support the position that once CAC adopts the new MLs, the existing MLs should be revoked.

GHANA

POSITION: CCCF12 agreed to advance the following MLs for adoption at Step 5/8:

GRAPEJUICE

Lower ML from 0.05 to 0.04 mg/kg

MANGO CHUTNEY

Lower ML from 1 to 0.4mg/kg

CANNED BRASSICA VEGETABLES

To be included in the canned vegetables category with an ML of 0.1 mg/kg.

FRESH FARMED MUSHROOMS

ML of 0.3 mg/kg established for common mushrooms (*Agaricus bisporus*), Shiitake mushrooms (*Lentinula edodes*) and Oyster mushrooms (*Pleurotus ostreatus*)

SALT (EXCLUDING SALT FROM MARSHES)

Lower ML from 2 to 1 mg/kg

FAT SPREADS AND BLENDED SPREADS

Lower ML from 0.1 to 0.04 mg/kg

EDIBLE FATS AND OILS

Lower ML from 0.1 to 0.08 mg/kg

Ghana supports the position that once CAC adopts the new MLs, the existing MLs should be revoked.

CCCF: Adoption at Step 5/8 and revocation of GLs for Methylmercury

MLs for tuna, alfonso, marlin and shark; and the GLs for methylmercury in predatory and non-predatory fish REP18/CF para 91 (i) and (iii)

POSITION: CCCF12 agreed to advance the following MLs to CAC for adoption at Step 5/8:

CCCF12 agreed on a compromise ML of 1.2 mg/kg for tuna as a group after much discussion with diverse proposals being put forward (values ranging from 1.1 to 1.7 were proposed).

Ghana however supports the adoption of the ML of 1.2 mg/kg for tuna as a group based on the ALARA principle and in line with the criteria for establishing MLs in the GSCTFF.

CCCF12 also agreed on MLs of 1.5mg/kg for alfonso, 1.7 mg/kg for marlin and 1.6mg/kg for shark, however Ghana does not support these MLs due to the lack of data in methylmercury for these species (alfonso, marlin and shark). More data is needed to enable the setting of MLs for these species.

Once the MLs have been adopted, GLs for methylmercury in predatory and non-predatory fish can be revoked.

CCFA: Food-additive provisions of the GSFA *REP18/FA para 48(ii)*

POSITION: We support the revocation

RATIONALE: There is no justification to develop provisions for nonexistent products within the GSFA since work on the commodity standard was stopped.

CCFA: Relevant food-additive provisions from the Standards for Mozzarella (CXS 262-2006), Cottage Cheese (CXS 273-1968), Cream Cheese (CXS 275-1973), Fermented Milks (CXS 243- 2003), Dairy Fat Spreads (CXS 253-2006), and Cream Cheese (CXS 275-1973) *REP18/FA para 134 (iv)*

POSITION: We support the revocation

RATIONALE: Revocation is commended due to the lack of data to support safety evaluation.

CCFA: The food-additive provision for sodium sorbate (INS 201) from the Standards for Instant Noodles (CXS 249-2006), Fermented Milks (CXS 243- 2003), Dairy Fat Spreads (CXS 253-2006), Mozzarella (CXS 262-2006), Cheddar (CXS 263- 196), Danbo (CXS 264-1966), Edam (CXS 265- 1966), Gouda (CXS 266-1966), Havarti (CXS 267- 1966), Samsø (CXS 268-1966), Emmental (CXS 269-1967), ilsiter (CXS 270-1968), Saint-Paulin (CXS 271-1968), Provolone (CXS 272-1968), Cottage Cheese (CXS 273-1968), Cream Cheese (CXS 275-1973) and Cheese (CXS 283-197), *REP18/FA 134(iv)*

POSITION: We Support the discontinuation of the various provision as listed in appendix VIII

RATIONALE: There is no technological justification for their use in the products as required by the preamble of the GSFA.

CCPR: Codex MRLs for different combination of pesticides/commodity(ies) proposed for revocation REP18/PR para. 112, App. II

POSITION: We support the revocation of the Codex MRLs

RATIONALE: Estimation of MRLs were Based on residue data set obtained from trials conducted according to GAP and dietary exposure levels of the compound were below the respective Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) or Acute Reference Dose (ARfD).

LIBERIA

Background/Issue

Once CAC has adopted the new MLs, the existing MLs for mango chutney, salt, fat spreads and blended spreads, edible fats and oils have to be revoked.

Recommendation

Liberia supports the position that once CAC41 adopts the new MLs, the existing MLs should be revoked.

Revocation of the ML for processed tomato concentrates categories

Comments of Sierra Leone, Liberia

SIERRA LEONE

Main issues:

Regarding tomato concentrates, CCCF12 agreed to use the current ML for fruiting vegetables (this includes fresh tomatoes) of 0.05 mg/kg to derive MLs for tomato concentrates using the concentration factors.

RECOMMENDATION POSITION

Sierra Leone recommend the proposal to revoke the existing ML for processed tomato concentrates

LIBERIA

Background/Issue

Regarding tomato concentrates, CCCF12 agreed to use the current ML for fruiting vegetables (this includes fresh tomatoes) of 0.05 mg/kg to derive MLs for tomato concentrates using the concentration factors.

Recommendations

Liberia supports the proposal to revoke the existing ML for processed tomato concentrates.