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

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### **DRAFT MAXIMUM LEVEL FOR TOTAL AFLATOXINS IN ALMONDS, HAZELNUTS AND PISTACHIOS "READY-TO-EAT"**

Comments at step 6, in response to Circular Letter CL 2006/42-CF, by Brazil and Iran

#### **BRAZIL**

Brazil considers that is premature to set the Maximum Level of 8 µg/kg for Total Aflatoxins in Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios "ready-to-eat", because the Committee, in its last session (38<sup>th</sup> CCFAC), agreed to include in the priority list for evaluation by JECFA (ALINORM 06/29/12, Appendix XXXII) the dietary exposure assessment of total aflatoxin in tree nuts "ready-to eat" and the impact on exposure taking into account hypothetical limits of 4, 8, 10, 15 µg/kg. Therefore, we suggest waiting for more information to take a decision.

#### **IRAN**

The position of Iran is as follows:

As put forth at the 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (CCFAC), the Iranian delegation to the said committee, believes that a Maximum Level for Total Aflatoxins in "ready-to-eat" Almonds, Hazelnuts, and Pistachios of 15ppb, is safe for the consumers, and achievable by the producers of these nuts and nut products, on a global scale.

However, in an effort not to impede the CCFAC stepwise consideration process on this question, Iran has chosen not to oppose the proposed draft maximum level of 8ppb total, subject to assessment and evaluation of the proposed limit, as well as other higher and lower levels, by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), based on the most recently available data from both the producing and consuming nations of these agricultural commodities.

Pending consideration of the results of the of the JECFA inquiry in to this question, the Iranian delegation to CCFAC reserves its right for reconsideration of its current position on this issue.