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*Comment submitted by Nigeria on agenda items 2, 5, 10, 11 and 13*

## **NIGERIA**

**Agenda Item 2: Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies (CX/CF 18/12/2)**

Nigeria supports the proposed discussion paper on the Bio-pesticides, fertilizers and stimulants as we currently have draft guidelines and Regulations for registration of these products which we are willing to share.

**Agenda Item 5: Proposed draft and draft maximum levels of lead in selected commodities in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CXS 193-1995) (at Steps 7 and 4) (CL 2018/1-CF , CX/CF 18/12/5)**

Nigeria wishes to express its appreciation on the work done by the EWG on the revision of maximum levels of lead in selected commodities in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed.

However, Nigeria wishes to express its reservation on the continuous reduction of maximum levels for lead in selected fruits and vegetables and other food categories without data from African Countries. For the purpose of all inclusiveness, more data from African countries should be considered.

**Agenda Item 10: Proposed draft maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan (at Step 4) Comment at step 3 (CL 2018/6-CF CX/CF 18/12/10)**

Nigeria supports the adoption of ML of 10ppb applied to "ready to eat "peanut and 15ppb for peanut for further processing.

The adoption of this ML would be expected to improve the export potential of African countries, while still protecting the health of African populations, taking into account the absence of a recognized safe level for this genotoxin.

**Agenda Item 11: Proposed draft maximum levels for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in nutmeg, chili and paprika, ginger, pepper and turmeric and associated sampling plans (at Step 4) - Comments at Step 3 ( CL 2018/7-CF CX/CF 18/12/11)**

Nigeria wishes to support the continuation of work for the establishment of MLs for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in dried and dehydrated of a group of spices comprising of nutmeg, chilli and paprika, ginger, pepper and turmeric.

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**Agenda Item 13: Discussion paper on maximum level(s) for hydrocyanic acid in cassava and cassava-based products and mycotoxin contamination in these products (CX/CF 18/12/13)**

Nigeria appreciates the supports of members of EWG towards the development of the discussion paper on maximum level(s) of Hydrocyanic acid and mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava based products. We are grateful to the CCCF11 for the confidence given to Nigeria to chair the work.

The report is ready for presentation and discussion.