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Proposed draft maximum levels for cadmium in cocoa and cocoa-derived products (at Step 4)

URUGUAY

Uruguay a los participantes del Grupo Electrónico y en especial a Ecuador, Brasil y Ghana por la coordinación del mismo. En referencia a las recomendaciones que se realiza en el documento, Uruguay expresa:

- resultaría adecuado trabajar en la categorización de los distintos tipos de chocolate y recoger datos científicos sobre la presencia de Cd en muestras de chocolate de las diferentes categorías.
- resultaría adecuado pedir al CCMAS que normalice los métodos para la determinación de Cd en el cacao y sus productos
- en base a estos estudios se dispondría de información más completa para la definición del NM para el Cd en cacao y sus derivados.

USA

The United States does not support the proposed MLs of 3.0 mg/kg for cocoa liquor and 4.0 mg/kg for cocoa powder. The United States believes that MLs should be established on products that are intended for direct human consumption, such as finished chocolate confectionary products and cocoa powder.

The United States agrees with the recommendation to work on categorization for different types of chocolate and gathering data on the occurrence of cadmium in samples of chocolate based on different categories. In response to the recommendation to request CCMAS to standardize analytical methods for determining cadmium in chocolate and cocoa-derived products, the United States suggests that CCMAS assist in establishing numeric values for performance criteria and identifying methods that meet these criteria.