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Agenda Item 2

CX/MAS 18/39/2 Add.1

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING

39th Session

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MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

A. MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER CODEX SUBSIDIARY BODIES

MATTERS FOR ACTION

COMMITTEE ON CEREALS, PULSES AND LEGUMES (CCCPL)

Methods of analysis for quinoa¹

1. CCCPL identified saponin as a quality requirement; however, the EWG on the development of the draft standard for quinoa concluded that there was no method validated internationally for the determination of saponin in quinoa.
2. The Committee **is invited to advise** on suitable testing methods for saponin in quinoa.

COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (CCCF)

Sampling plan for MLs for methylmercury in fish(CXS 193-1995)²

3. CCCF12 agreed to request CCMAS advice on the following:
 - The necessary performance criteria for the MLs;
 - Whether there is evidence that methyl mercury can vary widely between individual fish sampled at the same time. How this would apply to large fish sold as individual units and whether the sampling plan provides enough basis to deal with this; and
 - Whether the whole fish should be analyzed or only specific fractions of edible portions. Currently only mention is made that the mid-section should be sampled for some large fish. (see CX/MAS 18/39/3 Add. 1)
4. The Committee **is invited to provide advice** as requested by CCCF.

Note: the sampling plan is provided in CX/MAS 18/39/3 Add. 1 for endorsement.

Validated method of analysis for Sterigmatocystin (STC)

5. CCCF agreed to inform the Standards development organizations of the need for an internationally validated method of analysis for STC through CCMAS.
6. The Committee **is invited to take note** of the request.

¹ CL 2018/25-CPL paras. 12 and 16

² REP18/CF, para 87, /Appendix IV, Part B