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**Agenda Item 1**

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**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES AND CONTAMINANTS**

**Thirty-sixth Session**

**Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 22 – 26 March 2004**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

The Thirty-sixth Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants and its *Ad Hoc* Working Groups will be held at the Congress Centre ENGELS, Stationsplein 45, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, as follows:

<b><u>Ad Hoc Working Groups on:</u></b>	
Codex General Standard for Food Additives	Friday, 19 March 2004 from 08:30 to 18:30 hours
Specifications	Saturday, 20 March 2004 from 08:30 to 10:30 hours
Contaminants and Toxins in Foods	Saturday, 20 March 2004 from 11:00 to 18:30 hours
<b><u>Plenary Session:</u></b>	Monday, 22 March 2004 at 10:00 hours to Friday, 26 March 2004
<b>PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE</b>	
<b>(22-26 March 2004)</b>	
<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>General Subject</b>
Monday, 22 March	Food Additives
Tuesday, 23 March	Food Additives/Contaminants
Wednesday, 24 March	Contaminants
Thursday, 25 March	Preparation of Draft Report
Friday, 26 March	Adoption of Report

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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4	<b>61<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)</b> (a) Summary Report (b) Action Required as a Result of Changes in the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) Status and other Toxicological Recommendations	CX/FAC 04/36/3
5	Draft Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants - Comments at Step 6 (CL 2003/33-FAC)	ALINORM 03/12A-App. IV CX/FAC 04/36/4
<b>FOOD ADDITIVES</b>		
6	Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives in Codex Standards	CX/FAC 04/36/5
7	<b>Consideration of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)</b> (a) Report of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Group on the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (b) Proposed draft revised Preamble of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives - Comments at Step 3 (c) Draft Food Category System of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives - Comments at Step 6 (CL 2003/33-FAC) (d) Proposed draft and draft Revisions to Table 1 of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (i) Report of the GSFA Quality Control Working Group (ii) Comments at Steps 3 and 6 (CL 2003/34-FAC)	CRD 1 CX/FAC 04/36/6 CX/FAC 04/36/6-Add. 1 ALINORM 03/12A-App. II CX/FAC 04/36/7 ALINORM 03/12-App. III CL 2002/44-FAC CX/FAC 04/36/8 CX/FAC 04/36/9
8	Discussion Paper on the Consideration of Processing Aids and Carriers - Comments	CX/FAC 04/36/10 CX/FAC 04/36/10-Add 1
9	Proposed draft Code of Practice on the Safe Use of Active Chlorine - Comments at Step 3	CX/FAC 04/36/11 CX/FAC 04/36/11-Add. 1
10	<b>Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives</b> (a) Report of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Group on Specifications (b) Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 61 <sup>st</sup> JECFA Meeting - Comments	CRD 2 CX/FAC 04/36/12 CX/FAC 04/36/12-Add. 1

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11	<p><b>International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives</b></p> <p>(a) Proposals for amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives</p> <p>(b) Report of the Working Group on International Numbering System</p> <p>(c) Discussion Paper on the Harmonization of Terms Used by Codex and JECFA</p> <p>- Comments</p>	<p>CX/FAC 04/36/13</p> <p>CRD 4</p> <p>CX/FAC 04/36/14</p> <p>CX/FAC 04/36/14-Add. 1</p>
<b>CONTAMINANTS</b>		
12	Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Contaminants in Codex Standards	CX/FAC 04/36/15
13	<b>Consideration of the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (GSCT)</b>	
	(a) Report of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Group on Contaminants and Toxins	CRD 3
	(b) Schedule 1 of the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods	CX/FAC 04/36/16
	- Comments	CX/FAC 04/36/16-Add. 1
	(c) Draft CCFAC Policy for Exposure Assessment of Contaminants and Toxins in Foods or Food Groups	ALINORM 03/12A-App. VIII
	- Comments at Step 6 (CL 2003/33-FAC)	CX/FAC 04/36/17
14	<b>Mycotoxins in Food and Feed</b>	
	(a) Maximum Level for Patulin in Apple Juice and Apple Juice Ingredients in Other Beverages – New data submitted (CL 2003/13-FAC)	CX/FAC 04/36/18
	(b) Draft Maximum Levels for Ochratoxin A in Raw Wheat, Barley and Rye and Derived Products	ALINORM 03/12-App. IX
	- Comments at Step 6 (CL 2003/33-FAC)	CX/FAC 04/36/19
	(c) Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts	ALINORM 03/12A-App. XI
	- Comments at Step 6 (CL 2003/33-FAC)	CX/FAC 04/36/20
	(d) Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Tree Nuts	CX/FAC 04/36/21
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FAC 04/36/21-Add. 1
	(e) Discussion Paper on Aflatoxins in Tree Nuts (other than almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios), including Information submitted on Aflatoxin Contamination and Methods of Analysis for the Determination of Aflatoxins in Tree Nuts	CX/FAC 04/36/22
	- Comments	CX/FAC 04/36/22-Add.1
	(f) Maximum Levels for Aflatoxin in Tree Nuts (almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios) – Proposals submitted (CL 2003/13-FAC)	CX/FAC 04/36/23

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	(g) Maximum Levels for Deoxynivalenol – Proposals submitted (CL 2003/13-FAC)	CX/FAC 04/36/24
	(h) Mycotoxin Contamination in Sorghum – Information and data submitted (CL 2003/13-FAC)	CX/FAC 04/36/25
15	<b>Industrial and Environmental Contaminants in Foods</b>	
	(a) Draft Maximum Level for Lead in Fish - Statistical analysis of data on lead content for significantly traded fish species that might cause problems in international trade - Comments at Step 6	ALINORM 03/12-App. XIII CX/FAC 04/36/26  CX/FAC 04/36/26-Add.1
	(b) Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead Contamination in Foods - Comments at Step 6 (CL 2003/33-FAC)	ALINORM 03/12A-App. XII  CX/FAC 04/36/27
	(c) Proposed draft Maximum Levels for Tin - Comments at Step 3 (CL 2003/13-FAC)	ALINORM 03/12A-App. XIII CX/FAC 04/36/28
	(d) Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Tin Contamination in Foods - Comments at Step 3	CX/FAC 04/36/29  CX/FAC 04/36/29-Add. 1
	(e) Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Cadmium - Comments at Step 3 (CL 2003/13-FAC and CL 2003/33-FAC)	ALINORM 03/12A-App. XIV CX/FAC 04/36/30
	(f) Proposed draft Code of Practice for Source Directed Measures to reduce Dioxin and Dioxin Like PCB Contamination of Foods - Comments at Step 3	CX/FAC 04/36/31  CX/FAC 04/36/31-Add. 1
	(g) Position Paper on Dioxins and Dioxin Like PCBs - Comments	CX/FAC 04/36/32 CX/FAC 04/36/32-Add. 1
	(h) Position Paper on Chloropropanols - Comments	CX/FAC 04/36/33 CX/FAC 04/36/33-Add. 1
	(i) Discussion paper on Acrylamide - Comments	CX/FAC 04/36/34 CX/FAC 04/36/34-Add. 1
16	Proposed draft revised Guideline Levels for Radionuclides in Foods Following Accidental Nuclear Contamination for Use in International Trade (CAC/GL 5-1989), including Guideline Levels for Radionuclides for Long-Term Use - Comments at Step 3	CX/FAC 04/36/35  CX/FAC 04/36/35-Add. 1
<b>GENERAL ISSUES</b>		
17	Priority List of Food Additives, Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA  (a) Comments (CL 2003/13-FAC and CL 2003/46-FAC)  (b) Report of the Working Group on the Priority List	CX/FAC 04/36/36  CRD 5

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Document Reference</b>
18	Other Business and Future Work	
19	Date and Place of Next Session	
20	Adoption of the Draft Report	

Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the session is limited.

## NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**Agenda Item 1 – Adoption of the Agenda (CX/FAC 04/36/1):** The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as the Agenda for the Session.

**Agenda Item 2 – Appointment of the Rapporteur:** The Committee will be invited to appoint a Rapporteur to the Session.

**Agenda Item 3 – Matters Referred/of Interest to the Committee arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees (CX/FAC 04/36/2):** The document is an information paper prepared by the Codex Secretariat concerning matters referred and/or of interest from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 - 61<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (JECFA):**

**Agenda Item 4a – Summary Report:** The FAO and WHO Joint Secretaries to JECFA will present a summary of the results of the 61<sup>st</sup> JECFA Meeting (Rome, Italy, June 2003). The report is available online at: [http://www.fao.org/es/ESN/jecfa/whatisnew\\_en.stm](http://www.fao.org/es/ESN/jecfa/whatisnew_en.stm)

**Agenda Item 4b – Action Required as a Result of Changes in the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) Status and other Toxicological Recommendations (CX/FAC 04/36/3):** Changes in the ADI status of food additives and/or other toxicological recommendations concerning contaminants as proposed by the 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting of JECFA are summarized in working document CX/FAC 04/36/3.

**Agenda Item 5 – Draft Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (ALINORM 03/12A-App. IV):** The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 30 June – 7 July 2003) adopted the *proposed draft Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants* at Step 5 (ALINORM 03/41-App. VI). Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to CL 2003/33-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/4.

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**Agenda Item 6 – Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives in Codex Standards (CX/FAC 04/36/5):** As per the Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, the Codex Secretariat will make a report to the Committee concerning the endorsement of provisions for food additives in Codex Standards on the basis of proposals arising from other Codex Committees and in the context of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives.

**AGENDA ITEM 7 - CONSIDERATION OF THE CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES (GSFA)**

**Agenda Item 7(a) – Report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (CRD 1):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (Arusha, Tanzania, March 2003) decided to reconvene the *ad hoc* Working Group on the Codex General Standard for Food Additives prior to its 36<sup>th</sup> Session under the Chairmanship of the United States of America (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 40). The report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on the Codex General Standard for Food Additives will be presented to the Committee under Conference Room Document 1.

**Agenda Item 7(b) – Proposed draft revised Preamble to the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (CX/FAC 04/36/6):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decided to install a drafting group under the direction of Switzerland: to review the Preamble to the GSFA; to develop an accompanying document for the GSFA; and to review the policy for selecting maximum levels of use for inclusion in the GSFA as a matter of the highest priority (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 47). The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the revision of the Preamble as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 03/41-App. VIII). Comments submitted at Step 3 in response to CX/FAC 04/36/6 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/6-Add. 1.

**Agenda Item 7(c) – Draft Food Category System of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (ALINORM 03/12A-App. II):** The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the *proposed draft Food Category System of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives* at Step 5 (ALINORM 03/41-App. VI). In addition, the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants noted that delegations of the Asian region would develop proposals on the finalization of certain Categories for soybean products for consideration at the next Session of the Committee (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 50). Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to CL 2003/33-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/7.

**Agenda Item 7(d) - Proposed draft and draft revisions to Table 1 of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (ALINORM 03/12-App. III and CL 2002/44-FAC):** The 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (Rotterdam, The Netherlands, March 2002) agreed that a revised Table 1 of the GSFA with all food additive provisions, including final provisions as well as those that are in the step process, should be circulated for the information of the Committee well in advance of its 35<sup>th</sup> Session (ALINORM 03/12, para. 39 and CL 2002/44-FAC).

The 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee also agreed that as a matter of principle, all food additives assigned a numerical ADI by JECFA should have a numerical limitation on their use in the GSFA. The Committee therefore agreed to hold all Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) provisions for additives with numerical ADIs at Steps 3 and 6 so that specific numeric levels of use could be provided before its 35<sup>th</sup> Session. The Committee further agreed to hold food additive provisions with specific numeric levels at Steps 3 and 6 and to request additional information, including technological need and justification, for their use (ALINORM 03/12, para. 60 and Appendix III).

The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants noted that in the absence of the data required to implement revisions to Table 1 of the GSFA additional comments on CL 2002/44-FAC should be requested (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 53).

In addition, the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee decided to re-install the Quality Control Working Group under the direction of the United States of America to work through electronic means on the GSFA on the basis of the discussions and written comments submitted at the present meeting and to report back to the next Session of the Committee. The aim of the Working Group is to assist in: compiling data submitted by governments in making revisions to the GSFA; examining technical justification provided; making recommendations for maximum levels of use in the GSFA to CCFAC; and attempting to resolve differences between the GSFA and commodity standards (ALINORM 03/12A, paras. 38-39).

The report of the Quality Control Working Group is contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/8. Comments submitted at Steps 3 and 6 in response to CL 2003/34-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/9.

**Agenda Item 8 – Discussion Paper on the Consideration of Processing Aids and Carriers (CX/FAC 04/36/10):** In view of the difficulty in incorporating processing aids into the GSFA and the potential related delays in finalizing the text, the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee decided not to consider the inclusion of processing aids into the GSFA for the time being. The Committee therefore decided that a drafting group under the direction of Switzerland would elaborate a *Discussion Paper on the Consideration of Processing Aids and Carriers* for circulation, comments and further consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 03/12A paras. 59-60). Comments submitted in response to CX/FAC 04/36/10 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/10-Add. 1.

**Agenda Item 9 – Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Safe Use of Active Chlorine (CX/FAC 04/36/11):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decided to discontinue the consideration of the Discussion Paper on the use of Active Chlorine and to set up a drafting group under the chairmanship of Denmark to prepare a *Code of Practice for the Safe Use of Active Chlorine* for circulation, comments and further consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 03/12A, paras. 67-68). The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the elaboration of Code of Practice as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 03/41-App. VIII). Comments submitted at Step 3 in response to CX/FAC 04/36/11 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/11-Add. 1.

**AGENDA ITEM 10 - SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IDENTITY AND PURITY OF FOOD ADDITIVES**

**Agenda Item 10(a) - Report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Specifications (CRD 2):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decided to reconvene the *ad hoc* Working Group on Specifications prior to its 36<sup>th</sup> Session under the Chairmanship of the United States of America (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 89). The report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Specifications will be presented to the Committee under Conference Room Document 2.

**Agenda Item 10(b) – Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 61<sup>st</sup> JECFA Meeting (CX/FAC 04/36/12):** The document contains specifications arising from the 61<sup>st</sup> JECFA Meeting (FAO Food and Nutrition Paper 52 – Add. 11). Comments submitted in response to CX/FAC 04/36/12, are contained in document CX/FAC 04/36/12-Add. 1.

**AGENDA ITEM 11 - INTERNATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (INS) FOR FOOD ADDITIVES**

**Agenda Item 11(a) – Proposals for amendments to the International Numbering System (CX/FAC 04/36/13):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants noted that the nature of the INS was open and non-binding for member countries, and thus a dual name in the INS did not place any obligation on countries to accept dual names nationally. In this regard, the Committee agreed to further discuss the inclusion of synonyms to INS 466 and 468-469 at its next Session (ALINORM 03/12A, paras. 97-98). Proposals for amendments in response to CL 2003/13-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/13.

**Agenda Item 11(b) – Report of the Working Group on the International Numbering System (CRD 4):** The report of the Working Group on the International Numbering System will be presented to the Committee under Conference Room Document 4.

**Agenda Item 11(c) - Discussion Paper on the Harmonization of Terms Used by Codex and JECFA (CX/FAC 04/36/14):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants noted the importance of ensuring consistency between the CCFAC and JECFA in regard to food additive functional classes, definitions, sub-classes (technological functions) and corresponding INS numbers. Consequently, the Committee requested the Codex Secretariat to prepare a *Discussion Paper on the Harmonization of Terms Used by Codex and the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives for Sub-Classes and Technological Functions* for consideration at the next Session (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 101). Comments submitted in response to CX/FAC 04/36/14 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/14-Add. 1.

**CONTAMINANTS**

**Agenda Item 12 – Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Contaminants in Codex Standards (CX/FAC 04/36/15):** As per the Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, the Codex Secretariat will make a report to the Committee concerning the endorsement of provisions for contaminants in Codex standards on the basis of proposals arising from other Codex Committees and in the context of the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods.

**AGENDA ITEM 13 – CONSIDERATION OF THE CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR CONTAMINANTS AND TOXINS IN FOODS (GSCT)**

**Agenda Item 13(a) - Report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Contaminants and Toxins (CRD 3):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decided to reconvene the *ad hoc* Working Group on Contaminants and Toxins prior to its 36<sup>th</sup> Session under the Chairmanship of Denmark (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 105). The report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Contaminants and Toxins will be presented to the Committee under Conference Room Document 3.

**Agenda Item 13(b) – Schedule 1 of the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (CX/FAC 04/36/16):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed that the delegation of the Netherlands, in collaboration with the Codex Secretariat, would revise and update Schedule 1 of the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods for circulation, comments and further consideration at its 36<sup>th</sup> Session. In taking this decision, the Committee noted that this revision would require a close examination of current Codex standards as well as a close liaison with existing Codex commodity committees in this regard (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 110). Comments submitted in response to CX/FAC 04/36/16 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/16-Add. 1.



**Agenda Item 13(c) – Draft CCFAC Policy for Exposure Assessment of Contaminants and Toxins in Foods or Food Groups (ALINORM 03/12A-App. VIII):** The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the *proposed draft CCFAC Policy for Exposure Assessment of Contaminants and Toxins in Foods or Food Groups* at Step 5 (ALINORM 03/41-App. VI). Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to CL 2003/33-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/17.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 14: MYCOTOXINS IN FOOD AND FEED**

**Agenda Item 14(a) - Maximum Level for Patulin in Apple Juice and Apple Juice Ingredients in Other Beverages – New data submitted (CX/FAC 04/36/18):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed to request more data on the *maximum level for Patulin in Apple Juice and Apple Juice Ingredients in Other Beverages* for consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 125). New data submitted in response to CL 2003/13-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/18.

**Agenda Item 14(b) - Draft Maximum Level for Ochratoxin A in Raw Wheat, Barley and Rye and Derived Products (ALINORM 03/12 App. IX):** The 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants forwarded the draft maximum level of 5 µg/kg for Ochratoxin A in raw wheat, barley and rye and derived products to the Codex Alimentarius Commission for final adoption at Step 8. The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission concluded that there was a lack of consensus on the adoption of the draft maximum level both regarding the appropriate maximum level itself and the inclusion, or exclusion, of the reference to derived products and returned the draft maximum level to Step 6 for further work by the Committee (ALINORM 03/41, para. 47). Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to CL 2003/33-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/19.

**Agenda Item 14(c) - Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (ALINORM 03/12A-App. XI):** The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the *proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts* at Step 5 (ALINORM 03/41-App. VI). Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to CL 2003/33-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/20.

**Agenda Item 14(d) - Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Tree Nuts (CX/FAC 04/36/21):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed that the delegation of China would revise the proposed draft Code of Practice on the basis of discussions in the drafting group and written comments submitted, for circulation, comments and further consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 133). Comments submitted at Step 3 in response to CX/FAC 04/36/21 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/21-Add. 1.

**Agenda Item 14(e) - Discussion Paper on Aflatoxins in Tree Nuts (other than almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios), including Information submitted on Aflatoxin Contamination and Methods of Analysis for the Determination of Aflatoxins in Tree Nuts (CX/FAC 04/36/22):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed that the delegation of Iran would revise the Discussion Paper for circulation, comments and further consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 131). Comments submitted in response to CX/FAC 04/36/21 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/22-Add.1.

**Agenda Item 14(f) –Maximum Levels for Aflatoxin in Tree Nuts (almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios) (CX/FAC 04/36/23):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants considered a *Discussion Paper on Aflatoxins in Tree Nuts, including Information submitted on Aflatoxin Contamination and Methods of Analysis for the Determination of Aflatoxins in Tree Nuts*. On the basis of the data presented, the Committee agreed to the elaboration of maximum levels for aflatoxins in almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios. The remaining data for other varieties of tree nuts was considered insufficient for the elaboration of maximum levels (ALINORM 03/12A, paras. 129-130). The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the elaboration of maximum levels for aflatoxin in almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 03/41-App. VIII). Proposals for maximum levels in response to CL 2003/13-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/23.

**Agenda Item 14(g) –Maximum Levels for Deoxynivalenol (CX/FAC 04/36/24):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed to discontinue the consideration of the Discussion Paper on Deoxynivalenol, including Information and Data submitted on the Occurrence of Deoxynivalenol in Cereals and to commence work on the elaboration of maximum levels for Deoxynivalenol (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 182). The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the development of maximum levels for Deoxynivalenol as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 03/41-App. VIII). Proposals for maximum levels as well as information on the different species involved in response to CL 2003/13-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/24.

**Agenda Item 14(h) - Mycotoxin Contamination in Sorghum (CX/FAC 04/36/25):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed to solicit information and data on mycotoxin contamination in sorghum for consideration at its 36<sup>th</sup> Session (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 196). Information and data submitted in response to CL 2003/13-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/25.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 15: INDUSTRIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS**

**Agenda Item 15(a) - Draft Maximum Level for Lead in Fish (ALINORM 03/12-App. XIII)- Statistical analysis of data on lead content for significantly traded fish species that might cause problems in international trade (CX/FAC 04/36/26):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decided to return the draft maximum levels for lead in certain fish species to Step 6 for comments and further consideration at its 36<sup>th</sup> Session (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 140).

In the interim, the Committee agreed that the delegation of Denmark would perform a statistical analysis of data on lead content for significantly traded fish species (identified by Latin names) that might cause problems in international trade based on the comments submitted and additional data available using different levels of concern as a basis for making a decision on whether or not to adopt a tiered approach. The analysis should provide information on the percentage of rejected samples using different maximum levels for species traded internationally in significant quantities (ALINORM 03/12A paras. 141-142).

The statistical analysis of data on lead content for significantly traded fish species that might cause problem in international trade is contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/26. Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to CL 2003/13-FAC as well as additional information and data received in relation to CX/FAC 04/36/26 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/26-Add.1.

**Agenda Item 15(b) - Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead Contamination in Foods (ALINORM 03/12A-App. XII):** The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the *proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead in Food* at Step 5 (ALINORM 03/41-App. VI). Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to CL 2003/33-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/27.

**Agenda Item 15(c) - Proposed draft Maximum Levels for Tin (ALINORM 03/12A-App. XIII):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decided to return the proposed draft maximum levels for tin in canned foods other than beverages and canned beverages to Step 3 for comments and further consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 160). Comments submitted at Step 3 in response to CL 2003/13-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/28.

**Agenda Item 15(d) - Proposed draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Tin Contamination in Foods (CX/FAC 04/36/29):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed that a *Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Tin Contamination in Foods* should be elaborated under the direction of Australia for circulation, comments and consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 162). The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the elaboration of the Code of Practice as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 03/41-App. VIII). Comments submitted at Step 3 in response to CX/FAC 04/36/29 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/29-Add. 1.

**Agenda Item 15(e) - Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Cadmium (ALINORM 03/12A-App. XIV):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants decided to return the proposed draft maximum levels for cadmium in rice, polished; soy bean (dry); molluscs (including cephalopods); and peanuts at Step 3 for circulation, comments and further consideration at its 36<sup>th</sup> Session. The remaining proposed draft maximum levels for cadmium were forwarded to the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission for preliminary adoption at Step 5 (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 165).

The delegation of Japan proposed that the Commission return the maximum levels at Step 3 to enable consideration of these maximum levels together with the maximum levels currently at Step 3, taking into consideration the 61<sup>st</sup> JECFA's risk assessment and to request the Committee to clarify to what food commodities each maximum level applies. The delegation of Mexico asked that the review also take into account maximum levels for mollusc flesh. As a result, the Commission returned the proposed draft maximum levels for cadmium to Step 3 and asked the Committee to accelerate its work to move revised draft maximum levels to Step 8 as soon as practicable (ALINORM 03/41, paras. 125-126).

Comments submitted at Step 3 in response to CL 2003/13-FAC and CL 2003/33-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/30.

**Agenda Item 15(f) - Proposed draft Code of Practice for Source Directed Measures to Reduce Dioxin and Dioxin Like PCB Contamination of Foods (CX/FAC 04/36/31):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed that a *Code of Practice for Source Directed Measures to Reduce Dioxin and Dioxin Like PCB Contamination of Foods* would be elaborated by a drafting group led by Germany (ALINORM 03/12, para. 172). The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the elaboration of the Code of Practice as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 03/41-App. VIII). Comments submitted at Step 3 in response to CX/FAC 04/36/31 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/31-Add.1.

**Agenda Item 15(g) - Position Paper on Dioxins and Dioxin Like PCBs (CX/FAC 04/36/32):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants requested the delegation of the Netherlands to revise the Position Paper on the basis of written comments submitted for circulation, comments and further consideration at its next Session. The Committee agreed that the document should include a new section to cover ranges of data on background levels of dioxins and dioxin like PCBs in food and feed with a view to identifying sources of contamination by these compounds (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 169). Comments submitted in response to CX/FAC 04/36/32 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/32-Add.1.

**Agenda Item 15(h) - Position Paper on Chloropropanols (CX/FAC 04/36/33):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed that the delegation of the United Kingdom would revise the Position Paper on the basis of the discussions, written comments submitted and data to be made available for circulation, comments and further consideration at its next Session. The Committee also agreed that the document should include proposals for the elaboration of maximum levels for chloropropanols in the relevant foods (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 179). Comments submitted in response to CX/FAC 04/36/33 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/33-Add. 1.

**Agenda Item 15(i) - Discussion Paper on Acrylamide (CX/FAC 04/36/34):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed that a drafting group led by the United Kingdom and the United States of America would prepare a *Discussion Paper on Acrylamide* for circulation, comments and further consideration at its 36<sup>th</sup> Session (ALINORM 03/12A para. 194). Comments submitted in response to CX/FAC 04/36/34 are contained in CX/FAC 04/36/34-Add. 1.

**Agenda Item 16 – Proposed draft revised Guideline Levels for Radionuclides in Foods Following Accidental Nuclear Contamination for Use in International Trade (CAC/GL 5-1989), including Guideline Levels for Radionuclides for Long-Term Use (CX/FAC 04/36/35):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed to request the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in collaboration with the delegation of Finland, the elaboration of a revised version of the Guideline Levels for Radionuclides in Foods following Accidental Nuclear Contamination for Use in International Trade (CAC/GL 5-1989) and the establishment of guideline levels for radionuclides for long-term use (ALINORM 03/12A, paras. 79 and 84). The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved the revision of the *Guideline Levels for Radionuclides in Foods following Accidental Nuclear Contamination for Use in International Trade (CAC/GL 5-1989), including Guidelines Levels for Radionuclides for Long-Term Use* as new work for the Committee (ALINORM 03/41-App. VIII). Comments submitted at Step 3 in response to CX/FAC 04/36/35 are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/35-Add.1

**GENERAL ISSUES****AGENDA ITEM 17 - PRIORITY LIST OF FOOD ADDITIVES, CONTAMINANTS AND NATURAL OCCURRING TOXICANTS PROPOSED FOR EVALUATION BY JECFA**

**Agenda Item 17(a) - Comments (CX/FAC 04/36/36):** The 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed to request additional comments for additions or amendments to its Priority List for consideration at its next Session (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 191). Comments submitted in response to CL 2003/13-FAC and CL 2003/46-FAC are contained in working document CX/FAC 04/36/36.

**Agenda Item 17(b) - Report of the Working Group on the Priority List (CRD 5):** The report of the Working Group on the Priority List will be presented to the Committee under Conference Room Document 5.

**Agenda Item 18 – Other Business and Future Work:** Other business and/or proposals for future work, subject to the approval of the Codex Alimentarius Commission or its Executive Committee, will be considered.

**Agenda Item 19 – Date and Place of Next Session:** The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and place of the next Session.

**Agenda Item 20 – Adoption of the Report:** The Committee shall adopt a report of its 36<sup>th</sup> Session based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat.