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**DISCUSSION PAPER ON OCHRATOXIN A IN COCOA**

*Comments to the Discussion Paper submitted by Brazil*

**BRAZIL**

Brazil congratulates Ghana for this Discussion Paper and would like to make some suggestions:

1. It is necessary to carry out studies to identify which stages of cocoa production chain are critical for fungal contamination and possible OTA production, in order to prevent and reduce it.
2. It is important to identify which OTA producing fungi species are found where cocoa is cultivated.
3. It is recommended the development of a Code of Practice for Prevention and Reduction of OTA Contamination in Cocoa.