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DISCUSSION PAPER ON ACRYLAMIDE

COMMENTS

The following comments have been received from: Cuba, European Community and Japan

Cuba:

Consideramos que el documento brinda una valiosa información y no tiene nuevos comentarios al respecto.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

In our opinion the document provides very valuable information and we have no new comments concerning it.

European Community:

The Member States of the European Community welcome this discussion paper and support the need to lower the levels of acrylamide formed in foods. The preliminary summary report from the 64th meeting of JECFA indicates a relatively small margin of exposure when comparing high dietary intakes with levels shown to cause effects in laboratory studies. Risk management options need to be discussed, such as developing guidance on ways to lower acrylamide in food. It could be useful for CCFAC to develop an approach on risk communication e.g. to assist many countries around the world where general international guidance could help them develop more specific national or regional advice.

Japan:

Japan is pleased to provide the following analytical data on acrylamide in certain foods in Japan. We submitted these data to be included in the discussion paper but, unfortunately, they have been missed out from the paper.

The analytical results on acrylamide in foods obtained in Japan.

Food Group	Food Product Group	Acrylamide levels (µg/kg)	
		Minimum	Maximum
Potatoes	Potato crisps made from Potato powder	30	4700
Cereal Products	Corn crisps and similar products made from corn or corn flour	<20	320
Beverages	Roasted tea (hoji-cha)(loose leaf)	190	1100

Reference

http://www.acrylamide-food.org/data_disclaimer.cfm

(Country, Japan and Year, 2004)