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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS

**Tenth Session
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(Comments submitted on by Dominica)

Agenda Item 6

PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR LEAD IN SELECTED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (FRESH AND PROCESSED) IN THE *GENERAL STANDARD FOR CONTAMINANTS AND TOXINS IN FOOD AND FEED*

(CODEX STAN 193-1995)

General Comments:

Dominica thanks the United States for leading the work of the EWG and appreciates the work that has been done thus far.

Specific Comments

Dominica would like the support Ecuador's position in requesting the rationale for the use of 20 samples primarily from one (1) country as a minimum number of samples for proposing a revised ML. We would also like to know the methodology used to select these 20 samples.

Dominica recommends that samples be collected from different as soil type, water, and other environmental conditions can affect lead uptake in fruits and vegetables.

Dominica has no comments at this time on the lowering of the ML levels until the PTWI critical levels can be ascertained by JECFA.

Agenda Item 8

PROPOSED DRAFT MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR CADMIUM IN COCOA AND COCOA-DERIVED PRODUCTS

General Comment

Dominica supports the need for a ML for Cd in cocoa for public health and safety.

Specific Comment

Dominica supports the recommendation by the EWG to work on the categorization for different types of chocolates and subsequently recommends gathering of scientific data on the occurrence of Cd in samples of chocolate based on the different categories.

Dominica would like the EWG to clarify the request to CCMAS as it relates to standardization of the evaluation methods. Is the EWG suggesting that CCMAS develop a standardized procedure to be used for ML analysis for Cd?

Dominica would also like to question why MLs for Cd were not provided for cocoa beans.

Dominica has no position on the suggested MLs at this time.

Agenda Item 11

PROPOSED DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF MYCOTOXIN CONTAMINATION IN SPICES

General Comment

Dominica thanks the EWG for the work conducted thus far.

Specific Comment

Dominica supports the recommendations proposed by the EWG for Appendix I.

Dominica agrees on the general structure proposed by the EWG to be followed to draft the annexes for the general COP on mycotoxins in spices as proposed in Appendix II.

Agenda Item 13**DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR MYCOTOXINS IN SPICES AND POSSIBLE PRIORITIZATION OF WORK****General Comment**

Dominica thanks the EWG for the work conducted thus far.

Specific Comment

Dominica supports the development of maximum levels for mycotoxins in spices and the prioritization of work.

Dominica also suggests that compilation of data on cinnamon should be considered due to its importance in international trade.

Agenda Item 14**DISCUSSION PAPER ON MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR METHYLMERCURY IN FISH****General Comment**

Dominica thanks the EWG for the work conducted thus far.

Specific Comment

Dominica confirms the decision of the 9th session of CCCF to develop ML for the groupings recommended.

In addition to the recommended groupings, Dominica would like to request an expansion of the fish product to include crustaceans (lobster, shrimp, sea crabs, crayfish) which bio accumulates a lot of lead.