



## Agenda Item 2

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### JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS

#### Tenth Session

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### MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND/OR ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

#### A. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 38<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

##### MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

#### Standards and related texts adopted at Steps 8, 5/8 (with omission of Steps 6/7) and 5 of the Procedure<sup>1</sup>

1. The 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (July 2015) adopted the following standards and related texts:

- Draft and proposed draft maximum levels for lead in fruit juices and nectars (excluding juices exclusively from berries and other small fruits), ready-to-drink; canned fruits (excluding berries and other small fruits); canned vegetables (excluding canned brassica, canned leafy vegetables and canned legume vegetables); berries and other small fruits (excluding cranberry, currant and elderberry); cranberry; currant; elderberry; brassica vegetables; legume vegetables; fruiting vegetables, cucurbits; fruiting vegetables, other than cucurbits (excluding fungi and mushrooms) (at Steps 8 and 5/8).
- Draft maximum levels for deoxynivalenol (DON) in cereal-based foods for infants and young children; in flour, meal, semolina and flakes derived from wheat, maize or barley; and in cereal grains (wheat, maize and barley) destined for further processing including sampling plans and performance criteria for methods of analysis (at Step 8).<sup>2</sup>
- Proposed draft maximum level for inorganic arsenic in husked rice (at Step 5) (see Agenda Item 7).<sup>3</sup>
- Proposed draft revision of the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cereals (CAC/RCP 51-2003) (at Step 5) (see Agenda Item 9)

#### Revocation of standards and related texts<sup>4</sup>

2. The Commission revoked the maximum levels for lead in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CODEX STAN 193-1995) in view of the adoption of revised MLs at Step 8 and 5/8 (see paragraph 1).

#### Approval of new work for the elaboration of new standards and related texts<sup>5</sup>

3. The Commission approved the new work on a proposed draft Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in spices (see Agenda Item 11).

<sup>1</sup> REP15/CAC, Appendix III

<sup>2</sup> REP15/CAC, paras 32 - 36

<sup>3</sup> REP15/CAC, paras 71 - 73

<sup>4</sup> REP15/CAC, Appendix V

<sup>5</sup> REP15/CAC, Appendix VI

## **B. MATTERS ARISING FROM CODEX COMMITTEES RELATED TO THE WORK OF CCCF**

### **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES (CCNFSDU)**

4. The 8<sup>th</sup> Session of CCCF (April 2014) agreed to recommend the revocation of the maximum maximum level of 0.02 mg/kg for lead in infant formula in the GSCTFF and to request the CCNFSDU to remove this ML from the section on contaminants in the Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes intended for Infants (CODEX STAN 72-1981) and to make a reference to the GSCTFF.<sup>6</sup>

5. The 37<sup>th</sup> Session of CAC (July 2014) adopted the ML of 0.01 mg/kg for lead in infant formula and formula for special medical purposes intended for infants and follow-up formula (as consumed) and revoked the existing ML in the GSCTFF as proposed by CCCF.<sup>7</sup>

6. The 37<sup>th</sup> Session of CCNFSDU (November 2015) removed the ML for lead in the section on contaminants of CODEX STAN 72-1981 and aligned the section with a reference to the GSCTFF.<sup>8</sup>

#### **COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (CCMAS)**

##### ***Sampling plans and performance criteria for methods of analysis for fumonisins and DON***

7. The 37<sup>th</sup> Session of CCMAS (February 2016) endorsed the sampling plans and performance criteria for methods of analysis as revised by CCCF09 with an amendment to the title to read "*Sampling plans and method performance criteria for fumonisins (FB1 + FB2) in maize grain and maize flour and maize meal*" and "*Sampling plans and method performance criteria for deoxynivalenol (DON) in cereal-based foods for infants and young children in flour, meal, semolina and flakes derived from wheat, maize or barley and in cereal grains (wheat, maize and barley) destined for further processing*" to acknowledge that the provisions cover both sampling plans and performance criteria for methods of analysis for compliance with the MLs.<sup>9</sup>

### **MATTERS FOR ACTION**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CCEXEC)**

8. The 70<sup>th</sup> Session of CCEXEC (June 2015) requested all Committees to consider the need to develop an approach for the management of their work similar to that used by the Committee on Food Hygiene (while recognizing the differences in topics, working procedures, etc. among various committees).<sup>10</sup>

9. The Committee is invited to consider the request from CCEXEC.

#### **COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH)**

##### ***Proposed draft Standard for Thyme***

10. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of CCSCH (September 2015) requested CCCF to consider whether existing maximum levels of contaminants for leafy vegetables could apply to spices and culinary herbs or whether specific maximum levels should be drafted.<sup>11</sup>

11. The Committee is invited to consider the above request.

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<sup>6</sup> REP14/CF, para 34

<sup>7</sup> REP14/CAC, paras 74 – 78, Appendices III and V

<sup>8</sup> REP16/NFSDU, para 8

<sup>9</sup> REP16/MAS, para 25 and Appendix II

<sup>10</sup> REP15/EXEC, para 22

<sup>11</sup> REP16/SCH, para 36 and Appendix IV