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Comments of Republic of Korea

Agenda Item 5: CX/CF 22/15/5

Republic of Korea supports the proposed maximum levels of cadmium in Cocoa powder based on the cut-off value (less than 5% rejection rate).

Agenda Item 6: CX/CF 22/15/6

Republic of Korea supports the proposed COP by eWG for prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans.

Agenda Item 7: CX/CF 22/15/7

Republic of Korea would like to submit the following comments on the proposed maximum levels for lead in garlic:

- We suggest that regional analysis should be further examined for garlic since consumption volume of garlic varies widely by region.
- Also, Maximum level of 0.4 mg/kg and 0.3 mg/kg for garlic suggested in Table 9 have rejection rate of 2.8% and 7.1%, respectively, and it is considered large difference in rejection rates. Therefore, additional data which could confirm the rejection rate need to be presented when applying maximum levels of 0.35 mg/kg to garlic.

Agenda Item 8: CX/CF 22/15/8

Republic of Korea agrees to develop sampling plan based on different weight and value classes of the fish.

Agenda Item 9: CX/CF 22/15/9

Republic of Korea would like to submit the following comments:

a) Maximum levels for total aflatoxins in polished rice

- More representative data is should be considered for setting maximum levels of aflatoxins in polished rice, considering the limited data from Asia and Africa, which are major rice production and consumption regions.

b) Sampling plans

- We support that sampling plans should be aligned with the sampling plans already method in the CXS 193-1995 or CXG 50-200.
- We also support requesting advice from CCMAS regarding how to establish performance criteria for a sum of components.

Agenda Item 10: CX/CF 22/15/10

Republic of Korea would like to submit the following comments:

a) Maximum levels for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts

- Current data does not present a rejection rate for maximum levels of 12 ug/kg proposed by eWG, and it is not sufficient to consider the maximum levels for total aflatoxin in ready-to-eat peanuts. Therefore, we propose that additional data need to be presented based on specific analysis.

b) Sampling plans

- We support to apply the same sampling plan for AFT in peanuts intended for further processing, as described in *General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed* (CXS 193-1995), also to ready-to-eat peanuts.

Agenda Item 11: CX/CF 22/15/11

Republic of Korea would like to submit the following comments:

- The data presented as ranges does not sufficient to evaluate feasibility of setting maximum levels for spices. Therefore, we suggest further discussion after an analysis of each specifically proposed maximum level has been made.

Agenda Item 16: CX/CF 22/15/15

Republic of Korea agrees to request CCMAS to consider the performance criteria listed on Appendix I for lead and cadmium suggested by working group. In addition, it is necessary to consider how to update the performance criteria of commodity for which the maximum level has been newly established or revised by CCCF in future.