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Lead in food commodities

Request for data on Lead in grape juices; processed tomato concentrates; mango chutney; canned brassica vegetables; fungi; mushrooms; salt; wine; edible fats and oils; fat spreads and blended spreads.

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Background

The 11th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF11), held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from April 3—April 7, 2017, agreed to establish an Electronic Working Group (EWG) led by the United States of America to continue with the review of maximum levels (MLs) for lead in the following food categories: grape juices; processed tomato concentrates; mango chutney; canned brassica vegetables; fungi and mushrooms; and to add the following food categories, salt, wine, edible fats and oils, fat spreads and blended spreads, for consideration by CCCF12 in 2018.

We are requesting submission of new data covering approximately the last 10 years. Data should be submitted by the September 1, 2017, to allow time for data analysis and drafting and review of the paper. The call for data can also be viewed online at <http://www.who.int/foodsafety/en/>.

Date for submission

The submission of data is requested before

30 September 2017

This deadline applies to all data to be submitted.

WHO will be compiling data for the EWG. **All new data must be submitted to WHO through the GEMS database.** To access the GEMS database, go to http://www.who.int/foodsafety/areas_work/chemical-risks/gems-food/en/. Please read the "GEMS/Food Database Manual" before attempting to submit data to GEMS. To submit data, you will need an account, and instructions on creating an account are found on page 2 of the manual. For technical questions about submitting data to GEMS, please contact Philippe Verger at WHO (vergerp@who.int) and cc lauren.robin@fda.hhs.gov.

Note that data already submitted to the GEMS Food Database do not need to be re-submitted.

When submitting data to the GEMS/Food database for this work, please:

- Provide complete information on the LOQ and LOD of analytical methods.
- Provide information in the "Local Food Identifier" or "Remarks" fields of the database to allow more specific identification of samples. For example, provide common or scientific names of foods (e.g., "shiitake mushroom" or "jarred Agaricus biporous"), not just generic terms like "fungus." Note whether a food is fresh or processed (cooked, canned, preserved, salted, concentrated, dried, etc.).
- Provide information on "State of Food Analyzed," e.g., concentrated or ready to drink.
- Provide individual data if available, rather than aggregate data.