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Countries to adopt recommendations on use of drugs in food-producing animals, maximum levels of lead in infant formulae and arsenic in rice, and new food safety and quality standards for shellfish, fruit, vegetables

WHAT: Members of the international food standards body, the Codex Alimentarius Commission, will meet in Geneva next week. Highlights of the meeting include decisions on:

- Maximum levels for lead in infant formulae, arsenic in rice, and fumonisins (toxins produced by certain moulds) in corn
- Recommendation for the prevention of residues of certain veterinary drugs (including some antimicrobials and growth promoters) in animals producing meat, milk, eggs, or honey, due to human health concerns
- A Code of Hygienic Practice for Spices and Dried Aromatic Herbs
- Maximum residue limits of pesticides in food and feed
- Maximum use levels of additives in food
- New safety and quality standards for foods such as raw scallops, passion fruit, durian and okra

WHO: Established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), the Codex Alimentarius Commission is the United Nations food standards body charged with protecting consumer health and ensuring fair practices in the food trade. Comprising 185 countries and the European Union, the Commission meets annually to examine food safety and quality standards and other recommendations for food.

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WHEN: The 37th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission will take place Monday 14 July to Friday 18 July 2014.

WHERE: International Conference Centre, Geneva, Switzerland

HOW: To receive updates on items as they are adopted, follow #CodexAlimentarius on [@FAOnews](https://twitter.com/FAOnews) and [@WHO](https://twitter.com/WHO) on Twitter.

Summaries of key decisions made by the Commission will be published on the FAO and WHO web sites throughout the week-long meeting:

FAO: www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/238558/icode/

WHO: www.who.int/foodsafety/areas_work/food-standard

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