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Comments of India

With reference to the critical Review by the 77th Session of the CCEXEC specifically in respect of the ongoing work of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods pertaining to the setting up of ML for aflatoxin in ready-to-eat peanuts. India would also like to draw the attention of the Commission to its reservation on the decision of CCCF13 in respect of setting up of ML for aflatoxin in RTE Peanuts which has been under consideration of the Committee since 2014 and was expected to be completed by 2017. The Committee has now decided to consider a draft proposal in this context in 2021 (i.e. 2 years from now) based on the data to be collected after producing countries ensure implementation of the Code of Practice on Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts which was adopted by the Commission way back in 2004. While taking due note of the recommendations by CCEXEC77, we would like to urge the CCCF through the Commission to expedite the setting up of the ML for aflatoxin in RTE Peanuts thereby fulfilling the pressing need of the Codex membership from developing world.