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Subject: DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 10TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (REP16/CF)

The Report of the 10th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods is attached. It will be considered by the 39th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 27 June – 1 July 2016).

PART I: MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 39TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Proposed draft and draft standards and related texts at Step 5, 5/8 and 8 of the Codex Procedure

1. **Draft maximum level for inorganic arsenic in husked rice** at Step 8 (para. 45, Appendix II);
2. **Proposed draft revised maximum levels for lead in fruit juices and nectars, ready-to-drink (inclusion of passion fruit); canned fruits (inclusion of canned berries and other small fruits); canned vegetables (inclusion of canned leafy vegetables and canned legume vegetables); jams, jellies and marmalades (lower ML and inclusion of marmalades); pickled cucumbers (lower ML); preserved tomatoes (lower ML and deletion of the note on the adjustment of the ML to take into account the concentration of the product); table olives (lower ML)** at Step 5/8 (para. 89, Appendix III);
3. **Draft revised Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals (CAC/RCP 51-2003)** (general provisions) and the **proposed draft Annexes on zearalenone, fumonisins, ochratoxin A, trichothecenes and aflatoxins** (specific provisions) at Step 8 and Step 5/8, respectively (paras. 124 and 128, Appendix IV).

Governments and international organisations wishing to submit comments on the above documents should do so in writing, in conformity with the *Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts* (Part 3 – *Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*) **by e-mail**, to the above address, **before 10 June 2016**.

PART II: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT STEP 3

4. **Proposed draft Annex on Ergot and Ergot alkaloids in Cereal Grains** (Annex to the *Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals* (CAC/RCP 51-2003)) (para. 142, Appendix V);

Governments and international organisations wishing to submit comments on the above document should do so in writing, in conformity with the *Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts* (Part 3 – *Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*) **by e-mail**, to the above address, **before 31 August 2016**.

PART III: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND/OR INFORMATION

5. **Priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for evaluation by JECFA** (para. 171, Appendix VI).

The Priority List of Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants for Evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) has been endorsed by the Committee on Contaminants in Foods as indicated in para 174 and presented in Appendix VII of this Report. Submission of comments and/or information is requested as follows:

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- Comments on substances that are already included in the Priority List (information on data availability of those substances should also be submitted where applicable); and/or
 - Nomination of new substances for the Priority List (information on details of new substances, expected timeline for data availability should also be submitted).

For the second bullet point, respondents are requested to complete the form as contained in Appendix VII of this Report.

Governments and international organisations wishing to submit comments and/or information on the Priority List of Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants for Evaluation by JECFA should do so in writing, **by e-mail**, to the above address, **before 15 January 2017**.