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TO: Codex Contact Points
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: Request for comments on the standards and related texts submitted by the 18th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods for adoption by the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

DEADLINE: 1 OCTOBER 2025

BACKGROUND

1. The report of the 18th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) (REP25/CF18)¹ will be considered by the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments on the matters as follows:

MLs for contaminants in foods

- i. **Adoption at Step 8:** Maximum level (ML) of 2.5 mg/kg for lead in spices, dried bark for inclusion in the *General standards for contaminants and toxins in food and feed* (CXS 193-1995), REP25/CF18, paragraph 47(i)(a), Appendix III.
- ii. **Adoption at Step 5/8:** ML of 2.0 mg/kg for lead in culinary herbs, dried for inclusion in CXS 193-1995, REP25/CF18, paragraph 47(i)(b), Appendix III.

Code of Practice

- i. **Adoption at Step 5/8:** Revised *Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts* (CXC 55-2004), REP25/CF18, paragraph 80(i), Appendix V.
3. The above documents are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)² per the guidance in paragraphs 7-11.
 4. Comments should address **whether the MLs and code of practice are ready for adoption**. If not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption.
 5. Comments should be provided in compliance with the Procedure 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.³
 6. Codex Members and Observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL⁴ to facilitate decision-making at CAC48.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/pt/?meeting=CCCF&session=18>

² <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org>

³ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/publications/pt/>

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
8. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers may login to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting “Enter” in the “My reviews” page, available after login to the system.
9. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)⁵.
10. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁶.
11. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

⁵ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁶ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>