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*Comments submitted by Nigeria*

## Agenda Item 5: Maximum levels for lead in certain food categories (at Steps 4 and 7)

### *Proposed Maximum Levels for Lead for Certain Food Categories Sugars (Soft Brown, Raw and Non-Centrifuged)*

Nigeria appreciates the work on the maximum levels (MLs) for Lead by the Electronic Working Group chaired by Brazil.

Nigeria supports the establishment of 0.15mg/kg as ML for brown, raw and non-centrifuged sugar.

**Rationale:** The establishment of 0.15mg/kg as ML for raw sugar would be an appropriate level as raw sugar would still be refined and refined sugar has an already established level of 0.1mg/kg.

### *Ready-To-Eat Meals for Infants and Young Children*

Nigeria supports a single ML of 0.03 mg/kg for ready-to-eat meals with cereals for infants.

**Rationale:** Nigeria notes that there is no safety threshold for Lead in food generally and the proposed level of 0.03mg/kg would be appropriate for ready to eat meals as meals constitutes other food products and not just cereals considering the principle of "As Low As Reasonably Achievable" (ALARA) to protect consumers.

## Agenda Item 6: Code of Practice for prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products (at Step 7)

Nigeria appreciates the support from Ghana as co-Chair and other EWG members in the development of Code of Practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in Cassava and Cassava-based Products.

Nigeria recommends the advancement of the work on this item to step 8 for adoption by CAC.

## Agenda Item 9: Maximum levels for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in nutmeg, dried chili and paprika, ginger, pepper and turmeric and associated sampling plans (at Step 4)

Nigeria appreciates the work done by India in the preparation of the document CX/CF 23/16/9 related to the proposed draft maximum levels for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in nutmeg, dried chili and paprika, ginger, pepper and turmeric and associated sampling plans.

Nigeria supports the maximum level of 20 µg/kg for Total Aflatoxins and Ochratoxin A.

**Rationale:** The levels are within the levels provided in the Global Environment Monitoring System (GEMS/Food) database.

## Agenda Item 10: Prevention or reduction of ciguatera poisoning

Nigeria appreciates the EWG chaired by the United States of America and European Union for the extensive work done in the preparation of the discussion paper on the prevention or reduction of Ciguatera poisoning.

Nigeria supports the proposal for new work on the prevention or reduction of Ciguatera poisoning.