## CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION





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Subject: DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON

CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (ALINORM 10/33/41)

The Report of the Fourth Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods is attached. It will be considered by the Thirty-third Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 5-9 July 2010).

## PART I: MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 33RD SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

## Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5/8 of the Procedure

- 1. Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Melamine in Food (powdered infant formula and foods other than infant formula) and Feed (para. 68, Appendix IV);
- 2. Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Total Aflatoxins in Shelled, Ready-to-Eat Brazil Nuts and Shelled, Destined for Further Processing Brazil Nuts (including sampling plans) (para. 76, Appendix V);
- 3. Proposed Draft Revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin in Tree Nuts (Additional Measures for Brazil Nuts) (para. 85, Appendix VI).

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the above documents should do so in writing, in conformity 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), *preferably by e-mail*, to the above address, <u>before 4 June 2010</u>.

## PART II: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

4. Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ethyl Carbamate Contamination in Stone Fruit Distillates (para. 54, Appendix III)

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on this matter should do so in writing, in conformity 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), *preferably by e-mail*, to the above address, <u>before 31 August 2010</u>.

5. Proposed Draft Maximum Level for Melamine in Food (liquid infant formula) (para. 68, Appendix IV)

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on this matter should do so in writing, in conformity 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), *preferably by e-mail*, to the above address, **before 31 October 2010**.

6. **Priority List of Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants for Evaluation by JECFA** (para. 102, Appendix VII)

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 Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods as indicated in para. 102 and presented in Appendix VII of this Report. Submission of comments and/or information is requested as follows:

- 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, it is requested to fill in the form as contained in Appendix VIII of this Report.

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments and/or information on the Priority List of Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants for Evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to the above address, <u>before 31 January</u> 2011.