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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 proposed draft and draft maximum levels for lead in certain processed fruits and vegetables (at Steps 5, 5/8 and 8)**

DEADLINE: **15 June 2017**

BACKGROUND

1. The 11th Session of the Committee on Contaminants (April 2017) agreed to forward the proposed draft and draft MLs for lead in certain processed fruits and vegetables for adoption at Steps 5, 5/8 (with omission of Steps 6 and 7) and 8 by the 40th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.¹
2. The Committee also agreed to add a reference to the Standard for Fish Oils to the remarks column of the ML for lead in edible fats and oils once the standard is adopted by CAC40 as an amendment to the ML for lead in edible fats and oils.²
3. The Committee further agreed that the ML for arsenic in fish oils can be the same as the current ML for arsenic in edible fats and oils. However, the Committee considered it appropriate to indicate the ML for fish oils to be specific to inorganic arsenic and to apply a note that total arsenic could be used for screening purposes as an amendment to the ML for arsenic in edible fats and oils.³

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Steps 5, 5/8 and 8 on the proposed draft and draft MLs for lead in certain processed fruits and vegetables, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the general guidance below.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. 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.
7. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments).
8. At the end of the commenting period, the Codex Secretariat will compile comments in a relevant working document using the system.
9. Additional guidance on the OCS can be found on the Codex website: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/ocs/en/>.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ REP17/CF, paras 41-89, Appendix II. The report is available on the Codex webpage as follows: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/en/>

² REP17/CF para 16, Appendix II

³ REP17/CF, paras 17-18, Appendix II