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Comments submitted by Guyana

Agenda Item 5: Maximum levels for lead in certain food categories (at Step 4)

Guyana appreciates the work of the Electronic Working Group led by Brazil on the maximum levels (MLs) for lead. Guyana supports the advancement of the MLs in the Codex step procedure.

Agenda Item 7: Definition for ready-to-eat peanuts for the establishment of a maximum level for total aflatoxins in this product

Guyana appreciates the work done by the Electronic Working Group chaired by India in the preparation of the discussion paper for ready-to eat peanuts for the establishment of a maximum level for totals aflatoxins.

Guyana proposes removal of the example 'peanut butter' from the definition, and supports the re-establishment of the EWG, to further elaborate the MLs for AFT in RTE peanuts.

Agenda Item 8: Sampling plans for total aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in certain spices (at Step 4)

Guyana appreciates the work done by the Electronic Working Group chaired by India on the sampling plans for aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in certain spices. It is proposed that further discussion occur on the definition of small and large particle sizes, the number and size of increments, sub-lot provisions, cost and sampling plan. Additionally, the sampling plan can be finalized without external consultation.

Agenda Item 13: Request for comments on the recommendation for the establishment of maximum levels for cadmium and lead in quinoa

Currently, quinoa is not grown in Guyana, however, areas have been earmarked for the field trial for the production of Quinoa. As such, with the evidence provided, Guyana supports the development of separate MLs for cadmium and lead in quinoa.