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REPORT OF THE PRE-SESSION WORKING GROUP ON THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE OUTCOMES OF JECFA EVALUATIONS AND FAO/WHO EXPERT CONSULTATIONS

(Prepared by USA, Chair of the Virtual Working Group on the Follow-up to the outcomes of JECFA evaluations and FAO/WHO expert consultations)

Introduction

1. The virtual working group (VWG) was held on 16 June 2025 and chaired by Dr. Eileen Abt (USA). Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin (USA) served as Rapporteur. The Chair provided background on discussions on follow up work at CCCF17, presented a summary of the outcomes of JECFA evaluations and FAO/WHO consultations and CCCF follow up, reminded CCCF of the upcoming JECFA assessment on arsenic in October 2025, and requested general input and interest in conducting future work.

JECFA and FAO/WHO Outcomes and CCCF Follow up

2. The Chair presented the summary tables of recent JECFA evaluations and FAO/WHO Expert Consultations and CCCF follow up, including discussion papers, Codes of Practice, and/or Maximum Levels. The chair noted that there had been follow up on the JECFA91 evaluation on cadmium and the JECFA89 evaluation on pyrrolizidine alkaloids as well as on the FAO/WHO Expert Evaluations on risks and benefits of fish consumption and tropane alkaloids. No CCCF follow up has occurred on the JECFA93 (2022) and JECFA90 (2020) evaluations on T-2, HT-2, and 4,15-diacetoxyscirpenol or the JECFA91 evaluation (2021) on ergot alkaloids. These evaluations are summarized in the CRD05 from last year's pre-session working group on JECFA outcomes (REP24/CF17, para. 154-164). No members countries present at the VWG volunteered to conduct follow up work on these items.

Recommendations to the Committee

3. CCCF18 should consider if there is interest from the committee in conducting follow up work on T-2, HT-2, and DAS and/or ergot alkaloids.
4. CCCF18 should consider reconvening the VWG for CCCF19.

RECENT JECFA EVALUATIONS AND CCCF FOLLOW UP

JECFA Evaluation	Publication Date	Contaminants	CCCF Follow Up			
			Discussion Paper	CoP	MLs	Other
JECFA93 (2022); JECFA90 (2020)	JECFA93: Summary (2022); Report (2023); Monograph (2024) JECFA90: Report (2020); Monograph (2023)	T2 HT2 toxin and 4,15-diacetoxyscirpenol (DAS)				
JECFA91 (2021)	Summary (2021); Report (2022); Monograph (2023)	Cadmium (dietary exposure assessment)		(in progress; CX/CF 25/18/6)	complete; Cd in chocolate/cocoa)	
JECFA91 (2021)	Summary (2021); Report (2022); Monograph (2023)	Ergot alkaloids				
JECFA80 (2015)	Report (2016); Monograph (2020)	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	(in progress; CX/CF 25/18/10)			

RECENT FAO/WHO EXPERT CONSULTATIONS AND CCCF FOLLOW UP

FAO/WHO Expert Consultations	Publication Date	Contaminants	CCCF Follow Up			
			Discussion Paper	CoP	MLs	Other
FAO/WHO Expert Meeting (2023)	2024	Risks and benefits of fish consumption				Guidance document (CX/CF 25/18/15) addresses recommendations on data collection. In the future, a new WG on details of data collection may be appropriate.
FAO/WHO Expert Meeting (2020)	2020	Tropane alkaloids	(under development; CX/CF 25/18/14)			