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COMMENTS OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK)

Agenda Item 6: Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in foods (at Step 4)

○ As to para 18,

we'd like to suggest increasing the number of samples to ensure representativeness of the sample.

○ As to para 25,

we consider that measuring soil pH is a fundamental and essential step to determine whether to use lime, and the use of an appropriate amount of lime is important, so we would like to propose adding the following sentence at the end of paragraph 25.

→ Lime requirement is influenced by soil properties, including pH, organic carbon content, cation exchange capacity, and clay content, farmers should consider consulting with agricultural extension services to determine the lime requirement.

○ Annex 1(Sea weed) in the CoP

We agree that appropriate monitoring and management for water used in washing seaweed is necessary to minimize cadmium levels. However, considering differences in industrial scale and national circumstances, and in order to enhance the effectiveness of this Code of Practice, we believe it would be more appropriate to encourage operators to monitor the water used and take measures, when necessary, as a part of risk management. In this regard, we propose revising para 10 as below.

→ The water used to wash seaweed (both seawater and fresh water) is recommended to be monitored for cadmium levels. When washing seaweed during processing, where there is a possibility of elevated cadmium levels in seaweed, appropriate measures such as replacement of water should be considered and applied.

Agenda Item 9: Review of the *Code of Practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts* (CXC 55-2004) (at Step 4)

We agree to the revision of the Code of Practice and request a few corrections to the words below:

- para 26, aflatoxin formation → aflatoxin contamination
- para 71, soil population of the fungus → soil population of the fungi

Agenda Item 10 (bullet 1): Review of the *Code of practice for weed control to prevent and reduce pyrrolizidine alkaloid contamination in food and feed* (CXC 74-2014)

We support the initiation of new work to review and revise the *Code of Practice for Weed Control to Prevent and Reduce Pyrrolizidine Alkaloid Contamination in Food and Feed* (CXC 74-2014).

Agenda Item 13: Development of a Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of tropane alkaloids in food and feed

We support the development of new work on a Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Tropane Alkaloids in Food and Feed.