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**Subject:** DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (REP13/CF)

The Report of the Seventh Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods is attached. It will be considered by the Thirty-sixth Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 1-5 July 2013).

**PART I: MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 36<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

**Proposed draft standards and related texts at Step 8 and 5/8 of the Procedure**

1. **Proposed draft maximum levels for lead in fruit juices and nectars, ready-to-drink; canned fruits; and canned vegetables** (para. 42, Appendix II);
2. **Proposed draft maximum level for deoxynivalenol (DON) in cereal-based foods for infants and young children** (para. 70, Appendix III);
3. **Proposed draft Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of ochratoxin A contamination in cocoa** (para. 79, Appendix IV); and
4. **Proposed draft Code of practice for the reduction of hydrocyanic acid in cassava and cassava products** (para. 92, Appendix VI).

**Proposed draft standards and related texts at Step 5 of the Procedure**

5. **Proposed draft maximum levels for DON in raw cereal grains (maize, wheat and barley) and associated sampling plan and in flour, semolina, meal and flakes from wheat, maize or barley** (para. 70, Appendix III).

**Other amendments to standards**

6. Consequential amendments to the Standards for Edible Cassava Flour (CODEX STAN 176-1989), Gari (CODEX STAN 151-1985), and Sweet Cassava (CODEX STAN 238-2003) (para. 88, Appendix V)

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the above documents should do so in writing, in conformity with the *Procedures 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 15 June 2013**.

**PART II: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION**

7. **Priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for evaluation by JECFA** (para. 148, Appendix VIII)

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. 148 and presented in Appendix VIII 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, **before 31 January 2014**.