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Comments submitted by Nigeria

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

Nigeria appreciates the work on the maximum levels for lead in certain food categories prepared by the Electronic Working Group chaired by Brazil.

Recommendation

Paragraph 31: CCCF is invited to consider the ML proposals for spices and culinary herbs as presented in Appendix I, considering data/information provided under the key points of discussion and Appendices II and III.

Nigeria supports the ML of 2.5 mg/kg proposed by the Electronic Working Group

Rationale: Since it was already established with a considerable amount of data available on GEMS/Food database, and considering ALARA, with rejections rates less than 5%.

Agenda Item 6: Sampling plans for methylmercury in fish (at Step 4)

Nigeria appreciates the work on the sampling plans for methyl mercury in fish (at step4) prepared by the Electronic Working Group chaired by New Zealand and co-chaired by Canada.

Nigeria supports further work in this regard in order to continue considering aspects raised in paragraphs 32, 55 and 56 (Appendix III). There is need for more data on the distribution of Methylmercury in different fish tissues.

Rationale: This is to enable the committee consider aspects raised in paragraphs 32, 55 and 56 (Appendix III).

Agenda Item 11: Discussion paper on tropane alkaloids in foods

Nigeria welcomes and appreciates the work on the discussion paper on Tropane Alkaloids in Foods prepared by the Electronic Working Group chaired by China, co-chaired by Saudi Arabia.

Proposal for New Work

Appendix 1

Nigeria supports the proposal for new work to develop a Code of Practice for weed control to prevent and reduce Tropane Alkaloid contamination in Food and Feed.

Rationale: This is due to the adverse health effect and contaminant incidents caused by Tropane Alkaloids (TAs).

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

Nigeria welcomes and appreciates the work on the discussion paper on Cadmium and Lead in Quinoa prepared by the Joint FAO/WHO JECFA Secretariat.

Recommendation:

Paragraph 29: Based on the assessment of the JECFA Secretariat, CCCF is invited to consider whether:

- a. There is enough evidence indicating there is no need to establish MLs for lead and cadmium in quinoa; or
- b. There is enough evidence to either:
 - i. extend the MLs for cadmium and lead in cereal grains to quinoa; or
 - ii. establish separate MLs for cadmium and lead in quinoa, and if in the affirmative, which MLs proposed by the JECFA Secretariat would be most appropriate as described in paragraphs 27 and 28;

Nigeria supports the view that there is enough evidence to establish separate MLs for Lead and Cadmium in Quinoa.

Rationale: There is enough evidence to establish MLs as data from GEMS/Food database shows that the concentration levels of cadmium differ significantly from those of lead in quinoa

Agenda Item 14: Review of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (CXC 55-2004)

Nigeria welcomes and appreciates the work on the discussion paper on the Review of the Code Of Practice For The Prevention and Reduction Of Aflatoxin Contamination In Peanuts (CXC 55-2004) prepared by the Electronic Working Group Chaired by Brazil.

Nigeria supports the view that there is sufficient information available on new mitigation measures to justify the revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (CXC55- 2004).

Rationale: This is based on the information provided in Appendices II and III

Agenda Item 15: Review of the Code of Practice for the Reduction of Aflatoxin B1 in Raw Materials and Supplemental Feedingstuffs for Milk-Producing Animals (CXC 45-1997)

Nigeria welcomes the discussion paper on review of the code of practice for the reduction of Aflatoxin B1 in Raw materials and Supplemental Feeding stuffs for milk-producing animals (CXC 45-1997) prepared by the Electronic Working Group chaired by Canada and co-chaired by Japan and the United States of America.

Recommendation.

Paragraph 36: CCCF is invited to: Agree to review and update the Code of practice for the reduction of aflatoxin B1 in raw materials and supplemental feeding stuffs for milk-producing animals (CXC 45-1997) and to forward the project document (Appendix I) to the CAC for approval;

Nigeria supports the review and update of the Code of practice for the reduction of Aflatoxin B1 in raw materials and supplemental feeding stuffs for milk-producing animals (CXC 45-1997) and agrees to forward the project document (Appendix I) to the CAC for approval.

Rationale: This is because of the increase in the emerging technologies, and animal derived milk products are consumed widely.