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Agenda Items 2,7,9,14 and 15

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Comments of Nigeria

1. AGENDA ITEM 2

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENDORSEMENT BY CCCF PARAGRAPH 22: ACTIONS TO CONSIDER IN RELATION TO THE CCMAS REQUEST

Nigeria acknowledges that the General Standard for Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999) should be the single reference point for methods of analysis and sampling under the CCMAS remit.

2. AGENDA ITEM 7

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF CADMIUM CONTAMINATION IN COCOA BEANS (at step 4) (CX/CF 20/14/7)

Nigeria welcomes the work on the development of a Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa by the electronic Working Group chaired by Peru and co-chaired by Ghana and Ecuador.

Nigeria supports the development of the Code of practice because sufficient information on mitigation measures is available for field production and post-harvest processes for reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans.

3. AGENDA ITEM 9

REVISION OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF LEAD CONTAMINATION IN FOODS (CXC 56-2004) (At Step 4)

Nigeria supports the revision of the Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of Lead contamination in foods.

Rationale: Nigeria believes that the mitigation strategies incorporated in this Code of practice will improve measures targeted to reduce lead contamination at various stages in food processing for the protection of public health.

4. AGENDA ITEM 14

DISCUSSION PAPER ON HYDROCYANIC ACID AND MYCOTOXIN CONTAMINATION IN CASSAVA AND CASSAVA-BASED PRODUCTS (CX/CF 21/14/12)

Nigeria agrees with the proposal to develop a Code of Practice to prevent/reduce aflatoxins and ochratoxin A in contamination of cassava/cassava-based products.

Rationale: Mycotoxins, aflatoxin and ochratoxin, are of public health concern in both fermented and unfermented cassava and cassava-based products and the development of a COP for reduction and prevention of mycotoxins in cassava and cassava fermented products with focus on aflatoxins and ochratoxin A.

5. AGENDA ITEM 15

DISCUSSION PAPER ON CADMIUM AND LEAD IN QUINOA (CX/CF 21/14/13)

Nigeria welcomes the discussion paper on cadmium and lead in quinoa, prepared by the Codex and JECFA secretariats.

Nigeria is of the view that the MLs already established for cadmium and lead in cereals can be extended to quinoa and therefore supports extension of these MLs to cover quinoa.

Rationale: The fact that quinoa is a pseudo-cereal is not adequate justification for the amount of work necessary to be undertaken to determine separate MLs for it.