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Agenda Items 8

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**Comments of China**

China would like to thank and appreciate the work of the EWG chaired by Brazil.

We are willing to provide following information on lead in Sichuan Pepper, which belongs to a broader food category of Dried Seeds Spices, as well lead in Bark, in China:

Food Category	Sample Size	Results (mg/kg)				Rejection Rate at the proposed ML (%)
		P50	P90	P95	P97.5	
Sichuan Pepper (Dried seeds spices)	462	0.793	2.130	2.900	3.780	60.8
Bark	235	0.530	3.900	4.520	7.300	25.1

Therefore, China would like to propose the ML of lead in Bark at 3.0 mg/kg. In addition, to exclude the Sichuan pepper from the dried seeds spices when setting the ML of lead for this food category, or to adopt the ML of lead in Sichuan pepper at 3.0 mg/kg.