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Comments submitted by Egypt

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

Egypt appreciates the work which done on the maximum levels (MLs) for lead by EWG chaired by Brazil, and regarding the proposed maximum levels (MLs for the individual commodities, Egypt supports the following maximum levels (MLs)

- For Spices, dried bark 2 mg/kg
- For Spices, dried floral parts 1 mg/kg
- For Spices, dried rhizomes, bulbs and rootse 1.5mg/kg

Agenda Item 7: Definition for ready-to-eat peanuts for the establishment of a maximum level for total aflatoxins in this product

Egypt appreciates the work of India as chair of EWG to prepare the discussion paper CX/CF 24/17/7 on the definition for ready-to-eat peanuts for the establishment of a maximum level for total aflatoxins in this product.

Egypt supports the following recommendations:

- The revised definition, conclusions and recommendations issued by the Working Group.
- The issue of generation of additional data to help in the definition of Ready-to-Eat Peanuts which is important for the segregation of data.

And also Egypt agrees with the proposed definition of ready-to-eat peanuts as presented in Appendix I.

Agenda Item 9: code of practice/guidelines for the prevention or reduction of ciguatera poisoning(at Steps 4)

Egypt appreciates the work which done by chair and co-chair of the EWG. Egypt supports advancing the CoP in the step procedure.

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

Egypt appreciates the work done by Prepared by the Joint FAO/WHO JECFA secretariats.

Egypt supports to establishment separate MLs for cadmium and lead in Quinoa, and agree the following MLs which proposed by the JECFA secretariat:

- 0.1 mg/kg for cadmium
- 0.2 mg/kg for lead

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

Egypt appreciates the work which done by Brazil as chair of EWG to prepare the discussion paper CX/CF 24/17/14 on the review of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (CXC 55-2004).

Egypt supports the revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (CX55-2004) in line with the information provided in Appendices II and III of CX/CF 24/17/14. Egypt also agrees to forward the project document to CCEXEC and the CAC for approval as new work, and also agree with issuance of a circular letter following CCCF17 to support the further development of the CoP by an electronic working group for consideration by CCCF18.

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)

Egypt appreciates the work which done by Canada as chair of EWG to prepare the discussion paper CX/CF 24/17/15 on the 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).

Egypt supports the revision of the Code of Practice for the Reduction of Aflatoxin B1 in raw materials and supplemental feeding stuffs for milk-producing animals and to forward the project document provided in Appendix I of CX/CF 24/17/15 to the CAC for approval.

Egypt agrees with the following recommendations:

- The information provided in paragraphs 14 to 35 of CX/CF 24/17/15 should be considered in the review and update of the Code of Practice.
- To use the relevant information in the Code of Practice for Mycotoxins in Cereals (CXC 51-2003) and in the Codes of Practice for Aflatoxins in Peanuts (CXC 55-2004) and Tree Nuts (CXC 59-2005) for updating this Code (CXC 45-1997).