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Subject: DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE NINTH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (REP15/CF)

The Report of the Ninth Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods is attached. It will be considered by the Thirty-eighth Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 6 - 11 July 2015).

PART I: MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 38TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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

1. **Proposed draft and draft maximum levels for lead in fruit juices and nectars (excluding juices exclusively from berries and other small fruits), ready-to-drink; canned fruits (excluding berries and other small fruits); canned vegetables (excluding canned brassica, canned leafy vegetables and canned legume vegetables); berries and other small fruits (excluding cranberry, currant and elderberry); cranberry; currant; elderberry; brassica vegetables; legume vegetables; fruiting vegetables, cucurbits; fruiting vegetables, other than cucurbits (excluding fungi and mushrooms) at Steps 8 and 5/8 (paras 49-50, Appendix IV);**
2. **Draft maximum levels for deoxynivalenol (DON) in cereal-based foods for infants and young children; in flour, meal, semolina and flakes derived from wheat, maize or barley; and in cereal grains (wheat, maize and barley) destined for further processing including sampling plans and performance criteria for methods of analysis at Step 8 (para 91, Appendix VI);**
3. **Proposed draft maximum level for inorganic arsenic in husked rice (para 69, Appendix V);**
4. **Proposed draft revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals (CAC/RCP 51-2003) (general provisions applicable to mycotoxins in cereals) at Step 5 (para 104, Appendix VII).**

Governments and international organisations 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*) **by e-mail**, to the above address, **before 31 May 2015**.

PART II: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

5. **Priority list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for evaluation by JECFA (paras 152-153, Appendix IX).**

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 Committee on Contaminants in Foods as indicated in para 152 and presented in Appendix IX 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 X of this Report.

Governments and international organisations 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, **by e-mail**, to the above address, **before 15 January 2016**.