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TO: Codex Contact Points
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: Request for comments on the recommendations for a maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan

DEADLINE: 30 March 2023

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/CF 23/16/8¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit general and specific comments on the recommendations as described in paragraph 7 of CX/CF 23/16/8 namely:
 - (i) Member countries to submit RTE Peanut AFT occurrence data to GEMS/Food after implementation of the *Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts* (CXC 55-2004) for the years 2019 onwards, if not yet submitted, to enable the WHO GEMS/Food Administrator to provide segregated RTE Peanut occurrence data country/geographical region wise.
 - (ii) India to resubmit 8802 RTE Peanut AFT occurrence data to GEMS/Food in µg/kg unit instead of mg/kg;
 - (iii) Members to relook at 102 data points related to limit of detection (LOD) below 4 µg/kg.
 - (iv) The EWG to present a paper at CCCF17 (2024) taking into consideration the segregated RTE Peanut AFT occurrence data country/geographical region wise provided by the WHO GEMS/Food Administrator.
 - (v) Other comments as appropriate
(i.e. *any other comments not considered in points i-iv*)
3. The recommendations are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS):
<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>.
Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance provided in paragraphs 5-9.
4. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL² in order to facilitate the consideration of the recommendations at the upcoming CCCF.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. Contact Points of Codex members and observers may login to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting "Enter" in the "My reviews" page, available after login to the system.
7. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)³.
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁴.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=16>

² <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

³ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCCF>

³ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>