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AGENDA ITEM 2 – MATTERS REFERRED TO CCCF BY CAC AND/OR ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Indonesia proposes that the Standard on General Methods of Analysis for Contaminants (CXS 228-2001) should be updated with ICP-MS method (refer to AOAC 2013.06) which could be used for the detection and screening of cadmium, mercury, arsenic, and lead in food.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF CADMIUM CONTAMINATION IN COCOA BEANS (AT STEP 4)

Indonesia appreciates Peru, Ecuador, and Ghana for preparing proposed draft Code of Practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans. Indonesia considers that there is sufficient information on mitigation measures in the proposed draft of COP and therefore agrees to forward the proposed draft of COP for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans for adoption at Step 5 by Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC44, 2021). Indonesia also supports the re-establishment of eWG in order to continue the work on the draft.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR LEAD IN CERTAIN FOOD CATEGORIES (AT STEP 4)

Indonesia wishes to thank electronic Working Group led by Brazil for preparing new work on Maximum Levels (MLs) for lead in certain food categories (at Step 4). Indonesia would like to provide the following comments:

- Indonesia proposes to collect more representative data for sugar from various member countries considering the ML of 0,1 µg/kg for white and refined sugar would result in high rejection rate (more than 90%).
- Indonesia supports to use concentration factors from the fresh products to establish the ML for dried species and assume the same MLs for lead in leafy vegetables.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – REVISION OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF LEAD CONTAMINATION IN FOODS (CXS 56-2004) (AT STEP 4)

Indonesia wishes to express its appreciation to the chair, United States of America and co-chair United Kingdom and Japan, for leading the electronic Working Group on the Revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead Contamination in Food (CXS 56-2004). Indonesia agrees to forward the COP for step 5 considering that there is sufficient information on lead sources and mitigation measures in the revision draft of COP.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – HYDROGEN CYANIDE AND MYCOTOXIN CONTAMINATION IN CASSAVA AND CASSAVA-BASED PRODUCTS

Indonesia wishes to thank electronic Working Group led by chair Nigeria and co-chair Ghana for preparing Discussion Paper on Hydrocyanic acid and mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products. Indonesia agrees with the recommendations in the Discussion Paper to discontinue work on levels of HCN in cassava and cassava-based products and to await availability of further data and information to re-evaluating the need and feasibility to developing MLs for cassava and cassava-based products