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**PRIORITY LIST OF CONTAMINANTS FOR EVALUATION BY THE
JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (JECFA)**

Comments submitted by Canada, Chile and Ecuador

Background

1. This document compiles comments received in response to CL 2020/24-CF issued in January 2020.

Explanatory notes on the appendix

2. The comments are hereby compiled in the **Annex** and are presented in table format.

ANNEX

COMMENTS ON THE PRIORITY LIST OF CONTAMINANTS AND NATURALLY OCCURRING TOXICANTS FOR EVALUATION BY JECFA

COMMENTS	MEMBER/OBSERVER
<p>Canada would like to indicate its agreement and support for the current list of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants recommended for evaluation by JECFA. Canada also has available data on inorganic and total arsenic in a variety of commercial foods, including rice and rice based foods, as well as total arsenic data from the Canadian Total Diet Study.</p> <p>Canada requests that the following text be added to the 'Data Availability' column for the 'Arsenic (inorganic and organic)' entry: "Canada: occurrence data on inorganic and total arsenic in a variety of commercial foods."</p>	Canada
<p>Chile reviewed the recommendations in this circular letter and supports the list of priorities set forth, with no observations or contributions to make at this time.</p>	Chile
<p>Ecuador agrees with the proposed prioritized list.</p>	Ecuador