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**PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PREVENTION AND
REDUCTION OF AFLATOXIN IN TREE NUTS (ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR BRAZIL NUTS)
(N12-2009)**

Comments submitted by Canada and Norway

CANADA

Canada wishes to thank Brazil for preparing the Proposed Draft Revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin in Tree Nuts (additional measures for Brazil nuts) (CX/CF 10/4/7).

Canada supports the updating of codes of practice in general, and in this instance, the revision of the Appendix on Additional Measures for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Brazil Nuts in the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin in Tree Nuts, as new information becomes available to guide the further development of these codes of practice. We propose suggesting an alternative method of drying the nuts, if one is known to be acceptable and realizable, as sun-drying is normally not sufficient to reach a safe moisture level. Canada supports additional efforts that will help prevent and/or control the contamination of Brazil nuts by aflatoxins.

NORWAY

Norway welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed draft revision of the code of practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin in tree nuts (additional measures for brazil nuts), CX/CF 10/4/7. We encourage and support the use of code of practices in the reduction of mycotoxin exposure to the consumer.

Being carcinogenic compounds, aflatoxin contamination in tree nuts for human consumption should be kept as low as reasonably achievable. Good practice throughout the food chain will contribute to minimize aflatoxin contamination in the tree nuts before consumption.

We recognize that we are not experts in the field of good extractivistic practices for brazil nuts. We do however find the proposed changes to annex I, "Proposed draft revision of the additional measures for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in brazil nuts" to be in accordance to general principles as to how to reduce aflatoxin contamination.

Norway welcomes and supports the proposed amendments to annex 1.