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PROPOSED DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE REDUCTION OF ACRYLAMIDE IN FOOD (N06-2006)

Comments at Step 3 submitted by the European Community and Kenya

This document contains late submissions of comments received after the deadline, but those were submitted before 1 April 2007.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The European Community and its Member States (ECMS) welcome the draft Code of Practice for the reduction of acrylamide in food. The draft Code of Practice is being developed as a means of disseminating strategies that will facilitate the reduction of acrylamide in internationally traded foodstuffs.

The ECMS wish to make the following comments:

General comments:

The ECMS are of the opinion that the draft Code of Practice should be retained at Step 3 in the Codex Elaboration Procedure. It is expected that during the years 2007 and 2008 new scientific information will become available. The Code of Practice should then be updated in the light of this new information.

Specific comments:

A short summary should be introduced for each product group (e.g. after § 29 for potatoes and after § 42 for cereals) to make the Code of Practice more user-friendly.

§ 1 (last sentence):

The "EU Acrylamide in Food Database of Activities" should be replaced by "Acrylamide Information Base", which is the name commonly used for this database. The reference to the webpage should be as follows:
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/chemicalsafety/contaminants/acryl_database_en.htm

In a footnote it should be explained that the "Acrylamide Information Base" is a database containing information on projects and activities relating to acrylamide in the EU Member States.

§ 26: The last sentence of § 26 can be deleted as the same issue was already covered in § 25.

KENYA

Kenya proposes that, owing to limited capacity among African countries to generate data on contaminants in coffee and potatoes, we wish JECFA should get more data on the same from this region, since it produces substantial amounts.