

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD
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EU comments on

Agenda Item 8

**Maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated
sampling plan (at Step 4)**

(CL 2023/23-CF and CX/CF 23/16/8)

*European Union Competence
European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) welcomes and appreciates the work done by India as chair and Senegal as co-chair of the Electronic Working Group to prepare document CX/CF 23/16/8 related to a maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts and associated sampling plan.

The EU wishes to make the following comments as regards the recommendations outlined in §7 of CX/CF 23/16/8:

- The EU shall provide the available analytical results for aflatoxin total in peanuts RTE, sampled from the year 2019 onwards. These analytical results are from peanuts imported into the EU for placing on the EU market. These occurrence data are from peanuts from the different important peanut producing countries in the world and the country of origin (in addition to the country of sampling) of the peanuts of the individual samples shall be reported with the analytical results.
- All EU data submitted/to be submitted for peanuts RTE are obtained with a method of analysis with $LOQ \leq 2 \mu\text{g/kg}$
- In recommendation (iii) of §7, “below” has to be replaced by “above”.