

# CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD

## 15<sup>th</sup> Session

### Agenda Item 16

Request for comments on the review of methods of analysis for contaminants: proposed numeric method performance criteria for lead and cadmium in foods.

(CX/CF 22/15/15 and CL 2022/22-CF)

#### **European Union Competence** **European Union Vote**

The European Union (EU) welcomes and appreciates the work done on the review of methods of analysis for contaminants by Brazil, the United States and Japan.

The EU would like to make following comments:

The EU agrees to apply the performance criteria from the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission to set method performance criteria for lead and cadmium (listed in Appendix I) to be submitted to CCMAS for consideration of inclusion in the General Standard for Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CXS 234-1999).

The EU agrees to recommend to CCMAS the revocation of the Standard for General Methods of Analysis for Contaminants (CXS 228-2001), including the methods for copper, iron and zinc, because analytical methods for these metals in foods are already listed in CXS 234.

The EU agrees to request CCMAS to remove the analytical methods listed in Appendix II for lead from CXS 228 and sees no need to transfer these methods as example methods for the analysis of lead and cadmium in the table in Appendix I for inclusion in CXS 234-1999, because the establishment of performance criteria for the analytical methods provides sufficient guarantees for the appropriateness of the methods. Therefore the EU also doesn't consider it necessary the request CCMAS to identify and suggest further examples of methods, which meet the performance criteria.

The EU agrees to request CCMAS to evaluate the appropriateness of replacing the existing performance criteria in CXS 234 for lead and cadmium in natural mineral waters according to Appendix I.