

CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD

Request for comments (prioritization) on the review of Codex standards and related texts for contaminants in food and feed

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**Mixed Competence
European Union Vote**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) welcome and appreciate the work done by Canada on a structured approach to review the Codex standards and related texts for contaminants in feed and food and wishes to provide following comments on the review of Codex standards and related texts.

I. PRIORITY FOR REVIEW FOR CONTAMINANTS ESTABLISHED OR REVIEWED \geq 25 YEARS AGO (1996 AND EARLIER) (LIST A.1)

No standards prioritized for review.

II. PRIORITY FOR REVIEW FOR CONTAMINANTS ESTABLISHED OR REVIEWED \geq 15 YEARS AGO AND $<$ 25 YEARS AGO (BETWEEN 1997 AND 2006) (LIST A.2)

The following standards are to be prioritized for review:

- aflatoxin M1 in milk : potential safety concern is moderate to high (priority level 1). In connection with the review of the ML, it might be appropriate to simultaneously discuss the need to update of the Code of Practice “Raw Materials and Supplemental Feedingstuffs for Milk-Producing Animals (CXC 45-1997)” – new occurrence data available, technological advances and developments to reduce presence of aflatoxin M1 in milk.
- cadmium in listed food commodities (certain cereal grains, legume vegetables, pulses, Brassica vegetables, bulb vegetables, fruiting vegetables, certain leafy vegetables, certain root and tuber vegetables, certain stalk and stem vegetables, wheat, cephalopods, marine bivalve molluscs, rice, polished): potential safety concern is moderate to high (priority level 1) – new occurrence data available, new dietary exposure data available, new health-based guidance value (HBGV), updated health risk assessment available from JECFA.

As new maximum levels should reflect concentrations in crops, which were produced taking into account good practices for the mitigation of cadmium, it could be

considered to first draft a general code of practice for the mitigation of cadmium in agricultural crops, followed by a data collection on products to which these good practices were applied. Those data could then be used at a later stage for a possible review of the MLs.

III. PRIORITY FOR REVIEW FOR CONTAMINANTS RECOMMENDED FOR RE-EVALUATION (LIST B)

- acetylated deoxynivalenol derivatives in cereals and cereal-based products: potential safety concern is moderate to high: new occurrence data available.
- inorganic arsenic in husked rice: potential safety concern is moderate to high: new occurrence data available
- methylmercury in tuna: potential safety concern is moderate to high: new occurrence data available.

IV. PRIORITY FOR REVIEW FOR CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD AND FEED: BASED ON THE PRIORITIZATION PROPOSED UNDER POINTS I TO III, ABOVE, PLEASE PROVIDE A SINGLE LIST OF PRIORITISED CONTAMINANTS FOR REVIEW BY CCCF.

- aflatoxin M1 in milk and update related Code of Practice CXC 45-1997
- methylmercury in tuna
- inorganic arsenic in husked rice
- acetylated deoxynivalenol derivatives in cereals and cereal products
- cadmium in food: the development of a code of practice for the mitigation of cadmium in agricultural crops. After the application of such code of practice and a new data collection. Priority could be given for a review of the MLs for legume vegetables, pulses, wheat, cephalopods, marine bivalve molluscs and rice, polished