

CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD
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European Union comments on

Agenda Item 14:

Review of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of
Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (CXC 55-2004).

(CX/CF 24/17/14)

Mixed Competence
Member States Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) welcome and appreciate the work of Brazil as chair of the Electronic Working Group to prepare the discussion paper CX/CF 24/17/14 on the review of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (CXC 55-2004).

The EUMS support the revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (CX55-2004) in line with the information provided in Appendices II and III of CX/CF 24/17/14. At this stage the EUMS have no major comments to make to the suggested changes but more detailed comments will be provided during the development of the Code of Practice.

The EUMS support therefore the proposal for new work on the revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts.

In the project document in Appendix I of CX/CF 24/17/14 under point 6 it is mentioned that the Code of Practice is important to support the implementation or development of MLs for aflatoxin contamination in peanuts. As regards the reference of the importance of this Code of Practice for the development of MLs for aflatoxin contamination in peanuts, the EUMS seek clarification as regards the relation between the finalisation of the review of this Code of Practice and the timing of the establishment of maximum levels for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts, currently under discussion in CCCF.

The EUMS agree to forward the project document to CCEXEC and the CAC for approval as new work.

The EUMS are of the opinion that it is more appropriate to use the proposed revised Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in peanuts as provided in Appendix III of CX/CF 24/17/14 as starting document for the discussion in the EWG following approval by CAC of this new work instead of issuing a circular letter for comments immediately after CCCF17 before the work in the EWG on the further development of the CoP has started.