Report of the 1st Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

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The First Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods reached the following conclusions:

Matters for consideration by the Commission

Draft and Proposed draft Standards and Related Texts at Steps 8 or 5/8 of the Procedure

The Committee agreed to forward:

- Draft Maximum Levels for Tin in Canned Foods (other than beverages) and in Canned Beverages to the Commission for adoption at Step 8; and
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A in Wine to the Commission for adoption at Step 5/8.

Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5 of the Procedure

The Committee agreed to forward the following texts to the Commission for adoption at Step 5:

- Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for 3-MCPD in Liquid Condiments containing Acid-Hydrolyzed Vegetable Proteins (excluding Naturally Fermented Soy Sauce); and
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Reduction of 3-Monochloropropane-1, 2-diol (3-MCPD) during the Production of Acid-Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein (Acid-HVPs) and Products that Contain Acid-HVPs.

Proposed amendments to the Procedural Manual

The Committee agreed to forward the following three proposed amendments and one definition to the Commission for adoption and inclusion in the Procedural Manual:

- Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods;
- Proposed amendments to the "Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants;
- Proposed amendments to the "CCFAC Policy for Exposure Assessment of Contaminants and Toxins in Foods or Food Groups"; and
- Definition for "Codex Maximum Level for a Contaminant in Food or Feed Commodity" <u>Proposals for new work</u>

The Committee agreed to submit to the Commission, through the Executive Committee, the

proposal for new work on a "Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Dried Figs".

Others

The Committee agreed:

- to forward the proposed amendments to Schedule I of the General Standards for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods to the Commission for adoption; and
- to recommend that the Commission revoke CODEX STAN 248-2005.