Report of the 2nd Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

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< SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS >

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

Matters for consideration by the Codex Alimentarius 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 3-MCPD in Liquid Condiments containing Acid-Hydrolyzed Vegetable Proteins (Excluding Naturally Fermented Soy Sauce) (N08-2004) at Step 8
- 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 (N09-2005) at Step 8
- Draft Maximum Level for Ochratoxin A in Raw Wheat, Barley and Rye at Step 8
- Draft Maximum Levels for Total Aflatoxins in Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios "For further processing" and "Ready-to-eat" at Step 8
- Proposed Draft Aflatoxin Sampling Plans for Aflatoxin Contamination in Ready-to-eat Tree nuts and Tree nuts Destined for Further Processing: Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios (N07-2004) at Step 5/8
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Dried Figs (N10-2007) 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 Codex Alimentarius Commission for adoption at Step 5:

- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Food (N06-2006)
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Reduction of Contamination of Food with Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) from Smoking and Direct Drying Processes (N07-2006)

Proposed amendments to the Procedural Manual

The Committee agreed to forward the following text to the 61st Session of the Executive Committee for consideration with a view to adoption by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and inclusion in the Procedural Manual:

 Proposed Draft Provisions Applied to Contaminants in the "Relations between Commodity Committees and General Committees"

Proposals for new Work

The Committee agreed to submit to the Codex Alimentarius Commission, through the Executive Committee, the proposal for the following new work on:

- · "Maximum Levels for Total Aflatoxins in Brazil Nuts"
- · "Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A Contamination in Coffee"

Others

The Committee agreed to forward to the Codex Alimentarius Commission the Priority List of Contaminants and Naturally Occurring Toxicants Proposed for Evaluation by JECTFA for adoption.

Matters of Interest to the Codex Alimentarius Commission

The Committee:

- endorsed the propose draft amendments to Section 3.2 "Health-Related Limits for Certain Substances" of the Codex Standard for Natural Mineral Waters;
- provisionally endorsed the proposed levels for marine biotoxins in the Draft Standard for Live and Raw Bivalve Molluscs.