

Report of the 3rd Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

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< SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS >

The Third 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 Step 8 or 5/8 of the Procedure

The Committee agreed to forward:

- Proposed Draft Revision to the Preamble of the GSCTF at Step 5/8;
- Draft Code of Practice for the Reduction of Acrylamide in Foods at Step 8;
- Draft Code of Practice for the Reduction of Contamination of Food with Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) from Smoking and Direct Drying Processes at Step 8;
- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A Contamination in Coffee at Step 5/8.

Other matters for adoption

The Committee agreed to forward the:

- Amendments to Paragraph 10, Sample Preparation in the Sampling Plans for Aflatoxin Contamination in Ready-to-Eat Treenuts and Treenuts Destined for Further Processing: Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios;

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 Fumonisin in Maize and Maize-Products and Associated Sampling Plans”;
- a “Code of Practice for the Reduction of Ethyl Carbamate in Stone Fruit Distillates”;
- a “revision of the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin in Tree Nuts (additional measures for Brazil nuts)”;
- “Maximum Levels for Melamine in Food and Feed”.

Matters of Interest to the Codex Alimentarius Commission

The Committee agreed:

- not to consider methods of analysis and sampling for certain chemical substances in the Standard for Natural Mineral Waters in view of discussions in the CCMAS (para.8);
- to return the Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Total Aflatoxins in Brazil Nuts for redrafting, comments and consideration by the next session of the Committee.