

- Codex Advisory Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 57th and 59th meetings of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)

- Draft Revisions to the INS for Food Additives

To be considered at Step 5/8 of the Accelerated Procedure:

- Proposed Draft Revised

Recommended International Code of Practice for Radiation Processing of Food

- Draft Revisions to the Codex International Numbering System for Food Additives

- Codex General Standard for Food Additives: Proposed Draft Food Additive Provisions in Table 1 and Table 2

To be considered at Step 5:

- Proposed Draft Revised Food Category System of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives

Proposed New Work:

- Proposed Draft Revised Preamble to the Codex General Standard for Food Additives

- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Safe Use of Active Chlorine

The Committee is continuing work on:

- General Standard for Food

Additives: Draft Food Additive Provisions (in Tables 1, 2 and 3)

- International Numbering System
- Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives

- Discussion paper on Processing Aids and Carriers

- Discussion paper on the Harmonization of Terms Used by Codex and JECFA for Sub-Classes and Technological Functions

#### Contaminants

To be considered at Step 8:

- Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins: Maximum Level for Patulin in Apple Juice and Apple Juice Ingredients in Other Beverages

- Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins: Maximum Level for Ochratoxin A in Wheat, Barley, Rye and Derived Products

- Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Patulin Contamination in Apple Juice and Apple Juice Ingredients in Other Beverages

- Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals, Including Annexes on Ochratoxin A, Zearalenone, Fumonisin, and Trichothecenes
- Codex General Standard for

Contaminants and Toxins: Revocation of maximum level for lead in milkfat.

To be considered at Step 5:

- Proposed Draft Principles for Exposure Assessment of Contaminants and Toxins in Foods

- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts

- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead Contamination in Foods

- Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Cadmium

Proposed New Work:

- Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Aflatoxins in Tree Nuts (Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios)

- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Tin Contamination in Foods

- Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Deoxynivalenol

- Proposed Draft Revised Guideline Levels for Radionuclides in Foods following Accidental Nuclear

Contamination for Use in International Trade (CAC/GL 5–1989), including Guideline Levels for Long-Term Use

- Discussion Paper on Acrylamide

The Committee is continuing work on:

- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Tree Nuts (Almonds, Hazelnuts and Pistachios)

- Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Source Directed Measures to Reduce Dioxin and Dioxin-like PCB Contamination of Foods

- Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins: Draft Maximum Levels for Lead in Fish

- Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins: Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Cadmium in Rice, Soybeans, Peanuts, and Mollusks (including cephalopods)

- Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins: Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Tin in Liquid Canned Foods Other Than Beverages and in Canned Beverages

- Schedule 1 of the Proposed Draft Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods

- Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins: Maximum Level for Patulin in Apple Juice Ingredients in other beverages. The CCFAC is collecting data on the level of patulin in apple juice and apple juice ingredients for other beverages with the intent of reconsidering the maximum level once the Code of Practice had been implemented (*i.e.*, after four years)

- Position Paper on Dioxins and Dioxin-like PCBs

- Position Paper on Chloropropanols
- Position Paper on Aflatoxin in Tree Nuts

- Mycotoxin Contamination in Sorghum

*Responsible Agency:* HHS/FDA.  
*U.S. Participation:* Yes.

#### Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

The Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues recommends to the Codex Alimentarius Commission establishment of maximum limits for pesticide residues for specific food items or in groups of food. A Codex Maximum Residue Limit for Pesticide (MRLP) is the maximum concentration of a pesticide residue (expressed as mg/kg), recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission to be legally permitted in or on food commodities and animal feeds. Foods derived from commodities that comply with the respective MRLPs are intended to be toxicologically acceptable, that is, consideration of the various dietary residue intake estimates and determinations both at the national and international level in comparison with the ADI\*, should indicate that foods complying with Codex MRLPs are safe for human consumption.

Codex MRLPs are primarily intended to apply in international trade and are derived from reviews conducted by the Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) following:

(a) review of residue data from supervised trials and supervised uses including those reflecting national good agricultural practices (GAP). Data from supervised trials conducted at the highest nationally recommended, authorized, or registered uses are included in the review. In order to accommodate variations in national pest control requirements, Codex MRLPs take into account the higher levels shown to arise in such supervised trials, which are considered to represent effective pest control practices, and;

(b) toxicological assessment of the pesticide and its residue.

The following items will be considered by the Commission at its 26th Session in July 2003. The relevant documents are ALINORM 03/24 and ALINORM 03/24A.

To be considered at Step 8:

- Draft Amendments to the Guidelines on Good Laboratory Practice in Pesticide Residue Analysis and the Introduction Section of the Recommended Methods of Analysis for Pesticide Residues

- Draft and Draft Revised Maximum Residue Limits

To be considered at Step 5/8:

- Proposed Draft and Proposed Draft Revised Maximum Residue Limits

To be considered at Step 5: