



Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Last Meeting: 15th Session, 9 – 13 May and 24 May 2022, VIRTUAL

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Next Meeting: 16th Session, 17 - 21 April 2023

New Zealand attended the 15th session of CCCF virtually. Main outcome of importance to New Zealand were:

- The key item on the agenda for New Zealand was progressing the maximum levels (MLs) for orange roughy and pink cusk-eel to Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) for final adoption. The electronic working group (EWG) was charged with continuing work on the sampling plan and proposing recommendations in 2 years' time at CCCF17. New Zealand will continue to chair this EWG to further develop the sampling plan for methylmercury in fish, with Canada as co-chair.
- Other areas of interest for New Zealand were maximum levels for lead in certain food categories (led by Brazil) and protocols for data review for ML setting (led by the EU). Finally, the follow up actions of JECFA evaluations and FAO/WHO expert consultations on pyrrolizidine alkaloids, ciguatoxins, tropane alkaloids, ergot alkaloids, and trichothecenes.
- The plenary saw a number of standards progress for adoption, including ML for cadmium in cocoa powder; the MLs for lead in certain food categories; the MLs for aflatoxins in certain food categories; and codes of practice for cadmium in cocoa, and limiting mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products.