



**REGIONAL TRAINING ON SCIENTIFIC  
BASIS OF CODEX WITH FOCUS ON  
DATA GENERATION AND  
SUBMISSION  
FOR STANDARDS SETTING**

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**Outcomes of Codex Committees  
18th Session of Codex Committee  
on Contaminants in Food (CCCF18)**

Day 2: 24 July 2025

**SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS**

**(CCCF18)**

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# Introduction

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CCCF held its 18th Session, in Bangkok, Thailand, from 23 to 27 June 2025 in hybrid format, at the kind invitation of the Governments of the Kingdoms of Thailand and the Netherlands.

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First **CODEX ARAB WORKING GROUP (CAWG)** on Codex committee on food contaminants (CCCF) within the Arab initiative for CODEX.

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## THE GOAL / AGENDA

Covered a wide array of topics through 23 agenda items, with the primary objective of advancing discussions, reviewing ongoing work, and establishing future actions to improve global food safety standards.

Members and observers from international organizations participated in the session notably from Arab countries such as Morocco, Egypt, Oman and Qatar.

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CCCF addressed a variety of issues related to food contaminants, including:


- Development and revision of maximum levels (MLs) for specific contaminants such as **lead, aflatoxins, and cadmium**.
- Significant updates to existing Codes of Practice.
- New works on the prevention and reduction of contaminants like pyrrolizidine alkaloids and acrylamide.

# Key achievements: summary of the main outcomes

## Finalized Standards / Adoptions



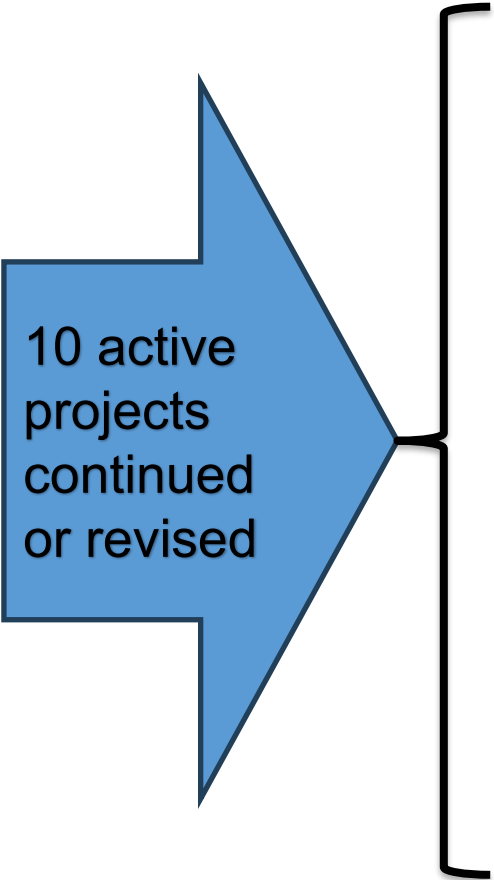
7 finalized decisions

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1. ML for lead in dried bark (2.5 mg/kg) – advanced to Step 8
  2. ML for lead in dried culinary herbs (2.0 mg/kg) – Step 5/8
  3. Sampling plan for aflatoxins & ochratoxins in spices – Step 8
  4. Revised Code of Practice (CoP) for aflatoxins in peanuts (CXC 55-2004) – Step 5/8
  5. Performance criteria for aflatoxin analysis (NPC) – sent to CCMAS45
  6. Guidance on data analysis for ML development – endorsed & published
  7. Updated JECFA Priority List – endorsed

**Discontinue work on the ML of Total Aflatoxins for RTE peanuts**

# Key achievements: summary of the main outcomes

## Ongoing Work



10 active projects continued or revised

1. CoP for cadmium contamination – returned to Step 2/3
2. Acrylamide CoP revision – India/Qatar/Saudi Arabia
3. Pyrrolizidine alkaloids CoP revision – Turkey
4. Aflatoxin B1 in feed – revised CoP under development
5. Guidance on ML data analysis – annexes under development
6. Review of sampling plans and NPC integration – in coordination with CCMAS45
7. Occurrence data on aflatoxins in cereals – Brazil/Thailand EWG
8. Follow-up on JECFA evaluations – EU & USA chaired WGs
9. Update of Codex standards for contaminants – expanded OHPL list and review of methylmercury in tuna – NZ/Canada EWG
10. Application of maximum levels to multi-ingredient products and analysis of occurrence data of lead in spice mixtures- to prepare a discussion paper exploring options for guidance/ EWG chaired by Japan and co-chaired by India, Panama and the USA




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## New Work Approved



4 new  
projects  
initiated

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1. CoP on tropane alkaloids – chaired by China, co-chaired by Saudi Arabia
  2. CoP on aflatoxin B1 in animal feed – Canada/Saudi Arabia
  3. CoP on ochratoxin A in dried fruits – Turkey/UK
  4. Guidance on recycled plastics in food packaging – USA, with Canada & Japan

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