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Request for data on total aflatoxins in Ready-to-Eat Peanuts

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Background

The 17th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF17) agreed to request the JECFA Secretariat issue a call for data on aflatoxins in Ready-to-Eat peanuts.

We are therefore requesting submission of new data or resubmission of data on total aflatoxins in Ready-to-Eat peanuts:

- Data on occurrence of total aflatoxins for the last 10 years;
- Data collected with methods with a LOQ of 4 µg/kg or below, is required
- Data on Ready-to-Eat peanuts, for which it can reasonably be assumed that at least 90% or more of the food item consists of peanut, and no more than 10% is flavour, condiment, or coating.

Data should be submitted as indicated below, to allow the JECFA Secretariat time for data analysis.

The call for data can also be viewed online at <https://www.who.int/teams/nutrition-and-food-safety/standards-and-scientific-advice-on-food-and-nutrition> or <https://www.fao.org/food-safety/scientific-advice/calls-for-data-and-experts-expert-rosters/en/>.

Date for submission

The submission of data is requested before

31 October 2024

This deadline applies to all data to be submitted.

WHO will be compiling data for the JECFA Secretariat.

All new data must be uploaded in the GEMS database, which is easily accessible on the web.

To access the GEMS database, go to <https://extranet.who.int/gemsfood/Default.aspx#>. To submit data, you will need an account. Instructions on creating an account are found on the website.

For technical questions about submitting data to GEMS, please contact Dr Luc Ingenbleek at WHO (ingenbleekl@who.int).

Please read the “GEMS/Food Database Manual” before attempting to submit data to GEMS.

When submitting data to the GEMS/Food database for this work, please:

- Provide complete information on the LOQ and LOD of analytical methods;
- Complete information for identification of the samples (serial number);
- Provide information in the “Local Food Identifier” or “WHO food identifier” fields of the database to allow more specific identification of samples, e.g., salted peanuts...;
- Indicate “as consumed” in the field called ‘Results based on’ (column Q);
- Indicate in the field called ‘Remarks/references’ (column W) if the data for peanuts refer to “ready-to-eat” or to peanuts intended for “further processing”.