

For background information, please see [CL 2023/76/OCS-CAC](#)

Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on MLs for contaminants in foods as follows:

1. Lead in soft brown, raw, and non-centrifugal sugars, and in ready-to-eat meals for infants and young children
2. Ochratoxin A in chili pepper, paprika and nutmeg
3. Total aflatoxins in chili pepper and nutmeg

Comments should address **whether the MLs are ready for adoption or not**. If not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption. Comments should be provided in conformity with the *Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (Part 3 – Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*.

MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR LEAD IN CERTAIN FOOD CATEGORIES

(For adoption at Step 5/8)

Commodity/ Product Name	Maximum Level (ML) mg/kg	Portion of the Commodity/Product to which the ML applies	Notes/Remarks
Soft brown, raw and non-centrifugal sugars	0.15	Whole commodity	The ML applies to soft brown sugar, raw sugar and non-centrifugal sugar. Relevant Codex commodity standard is CXS 212-1999.

(For adoption at Step 8)

Commodity/ Product Name	Maximum Level (ML) mg/kg	Portion of the Commodity/Product to which the ML applies	Notes/Remarks
Ready-to-eat meals for infants and young children	0.02	Whole commodity	The ML applies to all ready-to-eat meals intended for infants (up to 12 months) and young children (12 to 36 months). Relevant Codex commodity standard is CXS 73-1981.

MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR TOTAL AFLATOXINS AND OCHRATOXIN A IN CERTAIN SPICES

(For adoption at Step 5/8)

Ochratoxin A

Commodity/ Product Name	Maximum Level (ML) µg/kg	Portion of the Commodity/Product to which the ML applies	Notes/Remarks
Chili pepper, paprika, nutmeg	20	Whole/Powder/Crushed/Ground	Spices (dried/dry)

Total Aflatoxins

Commodity/ Product Name	Maximum Level (ML) µg/kg	Portion of the Commodity/Product to which the ML applies	Notes/Remarks
Chili pepper, nutmeg	20	Whole/Powder/Crushed/Ground	Spices (dried/dry)