Lead in food commodities

Request for data on Lead in wine and edible offal of cattle, pig, and poultry.

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Background

The 12th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF12), held in Utrecht, Netherlands, from March 12—March 16, 2018, agreed to establish an Electronic Working Group (EWG) led by the United States of America to continue with the review of maximum levels (MLs) for lead in wine; and to add the category of edible offal (internal organs excluding muscle and bone of cattle, pig, and poultry only), for consideration by CCCF13 in 2019.

We are requesting submission of new data covering approximately the last 10 years. Data should be submitted **no later than** October 1, 2018, to allow time for data analysis and drafting and review of the paper. The call for data can also be viewed online at [http://www.who.int/foodsafety/en/](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/en/).

Date for submission

The submission of data is requested **no later than**

1 October 2018

This deadline applies to all data to be submitted.

WHO will be compiling data for the EWG. **All new data must be submitted to WHO through the GEMS database.** The GEMS database can be accessed at [http://www.who.int/foodsafety/areas_work/chemical-risks/gems-food/en/](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/areas_work/chemical-risks/gems-food/en/). Please read the “GEMS/Food Database Manual” before attempting to submit data to GEMS. To submit data, you will need an account, and instructions on creating an account are found on page 2 of the manual. For technical questions about submitting data to GEMS, please contact Philippe Verger at WHO (vergerp@who.int) and cc Lauren Robin (lauren.robin@fda.hhs.gov).

Note that data already submitted to the GEMS Food Database do not need to be re-submitted.

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

- Provide complete information on the LOQ and LOD of analytical methods.
- Provide information in the “Local Food Identifier” or “Remarks” fields of the database to allow more specific categorization of samples. For example, identify wines as table wine or fortified wine. If available, provide information on alcohol content to aid in categorization. Also, provide information on country of origin and date of production in the “Remarks” field if possible.
- For edible offal samples, identify the organ and the animal species (only edible offal of cattle, pig, and poultry will be considered this year), and note whether the food is fresh or processed (cooked, canned, preserved, salted, concentrated, dried, etc.).
- Provide individual data if available, rather than aggregate data.