The European Community supports the draft maximum limit of 5 µg/kg for Ochratoxin A in raw wheat, barley and rye. Given the very wide range of derived products and many of these products are of little or no importance in international trade, the European Community is of the opinion that it is not appropriate to apply the level of 5 µg/kg also to derived products and the maximum level of 5 µg/kg should be limited to raw wheat, barley and rye, important in international trade.

Therefore, the European Community reiterates its position already previously expressed and is of the opinion that the words “and derived products” should be deleted in the standard.

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