The Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants agreed at its 37th session (The Hague, the Netherlands, 25-29 April) to forward the maximum level of 15 µg/kg for total aflatoxins in unprocessed almonds, hazelnuts, and pistachios to the 28th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission for adoption at Step 5 (ALINORM 05/28/12, § 141 & Appendix XXII).

The European Community has no comments as regards the adoption of the level of 15 µg/kg for total aflatoxin in unprocessed almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios at Step 5 by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Nevertheless, the European Community wishes already to indicate that a possible future acceptance of this level for unprocessed almonds hazelnuts and pistachios at Step 8 of the Codex uniform procedure will depend on the outcome of the ongoing discussions on the maximum level for total aflatoxins in processed almonds, hazelnuts, and pistachios. A maximum level for total aflatoxins in processed almonds, hazelnuts and pistachios is currently circulated for comments at Step 3 of the Codex uniform procedure (CL 2005/22 FAC; ALINORM 05/28/12, § 141 & Appendix XXII) and see Appendix XXII) and is the subject of further discussion in an electronic Working Group (ALINORM 05/28/12, § 140).