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# Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF18)

**Last Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> Session, 23<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Full Report** of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session – **Link to [Report](#) & [Agenda](#)**

**Next Meeting:** CCCF19 will be held from 19 – 23 October 2026, Egypt

The Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) held its 18<sup>th</sup> Session, in Bangkok, Thailand from 23 to 27 June 2025, chaired by The Netherlands.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Sally Hoffer, Manager Safe and Sustainable Food, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Plant Agro Chains and Food Quality, Netherlands (Kingdom of the). Ms. Anongnat Jakaeo, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand, opened the session and extended his warmest welcome to all participants. Ms. Miriam Otto, Deputy Ambassador of the Netherlands in Thailand, also addressed the meeting and emphasized the paramount importance of food safety amidst rapid global expansion in food production and trade.

New Zealand chaired the Side Event on the Role of Environmental Inhibitors in Food Systems Transformation on 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.

The side event was led by Raj Rajasekar (MPI), and panel members included;

- Markus Lipp (Agrifood Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO)
- Moez Sanaa (Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, WHO)
- Yongning Wu (China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment, CFSA),
- Frans Verstraete (DG SANTE E2, European Commission EC),
- Nick Fletcher (Food Standards Australia New Zealand, FSANZ),
- Jeane Nicolas (MPI-NZFS)

Objectives for the event were to review recent developments in terms of compounds of interest and regulatory approaches and also share national perspectives on risk assessment and opportunities for promoting harmonised approaches.



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The panelists all acknowledged the important role that environmental inhibitors played in advancing broader goals around sustainability and food systems transformation. The event provided an opportunity to review different national approaches to regulation of these compounds and explore opportunities to promote a harmonised approach to risk assessment and regulation.

New Zealand will be chairing the working group (WG), with Co-Chair Canada, the work on the maximum limit for methylmercury in tuna and associated sampling plan.





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From R – L: Frans Verstraete (EC), Moez Sanaa (WHO), Markus Lipp (FAO), Raj Rajasekar (MPI), Youngning Wu (CFSA), Nick Fletcher (FSANZ), Jeane Nicolas (MPI – NZFS)



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