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International food safety leaders and experts on contaminants and toxins made significant progress in adopting and advancing most of the provisions that were discussed at the last meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Contaminants (and Toxins) in Foods (CCCCF12), held mid-March in Utrecht (The Netherlands). This article reviews those decisions and describes the pending and new work issues which will be addressed in the next 12 months through various electronic working groups or directly at the next CCCC session. CCCC12 has opened the door for Codex Alimentarius to develop guidelines which may provide – subject to confirmation – a common future backbone to help global harmonization on the ways countries may assess migration of chemicals from food contact materials to foods. <i>By Christophe Leprêtre and Katia Merten-Lenz</i>	19
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