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**Ad hoc Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Risk Assessment of Food Allergens  
Part 2: Review and establish threshold levels in foods of the priority allergens**

**Virtual follow-up meeting on milk and sesame**

**15 March 2022**

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

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The second in a series of the ad hoc Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Risk Assessment of Food Allergens was held from 15 March to 2 April 2021. The main purpose of the second meeting was to establish threshold levels in foods of the priority allergens<sup>1</sup>.

When reviewing the datasets on milk and sesame during the second meeting in 2021, the Expert Committee identified significant datasets not yet included in the dose distribution modelling. The Expert Committee agreed that these datasets should be considered for inclusion and to reconvene to establish threshold levels [reference dose (RfD) values]<sup>1</sup> for milk and sesame when updated analyses became available.

Following the approach established at the 2021 meeting, the Expert Committee discussed updated analyses of the data on sesame and milk, and recommended the RfD below.

	<b>RfD Recommendation (mg total protein from the allergenic source)</b>
<b>Milk</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Sesame</b>	<b>2.0</b>

For more information including the list of participants, please refer to the summary report of the second meeting in 2021<sup>1</sup>.

More information on this work is also available at:

<http://www.fao.org/food-safety/en/> and <https://www.who.int/foodsafety/en/>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fao.org/3/cb6388en/cb6388en.pdf> and <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2021/03/15/default-calendar/ad-hoc-joint-fao-who-expert-consultation-on-risk-assessment-of-food-allergens-part2-review-and-establish-threshold-levels-in-foods-of-the-priority-allergens>