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Abbreviations vii

ABBREVIATIONS

ADI acceptable daily intake

ae acid equivalent
ai active ingredient
AR applied radioactivity

ar as received

ARfD acute reference dose asp gr fn aspirated grain fraction

AU Australia

BAM 2,6-dichlorobenzamide

BBCH Biologischen Bundesanstalt, Bundessortenamt und CHemische Industrie

bw body weight

CA Chemical Abstracts

CAC Codex Alimentarius Commission

CAS Chemical Abstracts Service

CCN Codex classification number (for compounds or commodities)

CCPR Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

cGAP Critical GAP
CXL Codex MRL

DAA Days after application
DALA days after last application

DAP days after planting
DAT days after treatment

DM dry matter

 DT_{50} time required for 50% dissipation of the initial concentration DT_{90} time required for 90% dissipation of the initial concentration

dw dry weight

ECD electron capture detector

EFSA European Food Safety Authority

equiv equivalent

EU European Union

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

fw fresh weight

GAP good agricultural practice

GC gas chromatography

GC-ECD gas chromatography with electron capture detection

viii Abbreviations

GC/MS gas chromatography/mass spectrometry

GC/MSD gas chromatography/mass selective detector

GC-NPD gas chromatography coupled with nitrogen-phosphorus detector

GEMS/Food Global Environment Monitoring System – Food Contamination Monitoring and

Assessment Programme

GLC gas liquid chromatography
GLP good laboratory practice

GPC gel permeation chromatography

HPLC high performance liquid chromatography

HR highest residue in the edible portion of a commodity found in trials used to

estimate a maximum residue level in the commodity

HR-P highest residue in a processed commodity calculated by multiplying the HR of the

raw commodity by the corresponding processing factor

IEDI international estimated daily intake

IESTI international estimate of short-term dietary intake
ISO International Organization for Standardization

IUPAC International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

JMPR Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues

JP Japan

LC liquid chromatography

LOD limit of detection

log P_{ow} octanol-water partition coefficient

LOQ limit of quantification

MOA mode of action

MRL maximum residue limit
MS mass spectrometry

MS/MS tandem mass spectrometry

ND non-detect - below limit of detection

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

OP organophosphorus compound

PBI plant back interval
Pf processing factor

PH pre-harvest

PHI pre-harvest interval ppm parts per million

QuEChERS Quick, Easy, Cheap, Effective, Rugged, and Safe–Multiresidue pesticide analysis

RAC raw agricultural commodity
RSD relative standard deviation

Abbreviations ix

RTI re-treatment interval SC suspension concentrate

SL soluble liquid

SPE solid phase extraction

STMR supervised trials median residue

STMR-P supervised trials median residue in a processed commodity calculated by

multiplying the STMR of the raw commodity by the corresponding processing

factor

TAR total administered radioactivity

TF transfer factor

TLC thin-layer chromatography
TRR total radioactive residues

UK United Kingdom

USA United States of America
US/CAN United States and Canada

USEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

WG wettable granule

WHO World Health Organization

WP wettable powder

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INTRODUCTION

A Joint Meeting of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Panel of Experts on Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment and the World Health Organization (WHO) Core Assessment Group on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) was held at FAO Head-quarters, Rome (Italy), from 13 to 23 September 2016. The FAO Panel Members met in preparatory sessions from 8–12 September.

The Meeting was opened by Mr Bill Murray, Deputy Director, Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP), FAO. On behalf of FAO and WHO, Mr Murray welcomed and thanked the participants for providing their expertise and for devoting significant time and effort to the work of the JMPR. Mr Murray noted the important contribution of the JMPRs work in trade facilitation through the establishment of global standards for pesticide residues in food and feed, and in food safety via the published pesticide risk assessments, further underscoring the continued relevance of the JMPRs work.

Mr Murray also acknowledged the progress made by the JMPR in recent years in improving the transparency of its procedures and operational efficiencies while at the same time continuing to consider and incorporate new scientific principles and methodologies. He suggested the success of these efforts was demonstrated by the increasing importance and impact of the JMPRs work internationally. He highlighted recent examples such as the incorporation of JMPR Evaluations by national and regional regulatory authorities into their assessments; the increasing level of adoption by member countries of CODEX MRLs as recommended by JMPR; and the contribution of the JMPRs recent assessment of glyphosate to the global discussion on its continued use.

Mr Murray then suggested that perhaps the most significant example of JMPRs success was the continued and growing demand for JMPR assessments, with the number of compound nominations from member countries, through the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR), having increased by 70% from 2010 to 2015, while noting the constraints under which the JMPR operates.

During the meeting, the FAO Panel of Experts was responsible for reviewing residue and analytical aspects of the pesticides under consideration, including data on their metabolism, fate in the environment and use patterns, and for estimating the maximum levels of residues that might occur as a result of use of the pesticides according to good agricultural practice (GAP). Maximum residue levels and supervised trials median residue (STMR) values were estimated for commodities of animal origin. The WHO Core Assessment Group was responsible for reviewing toxicological and related data in order to establish acceptable daily intakes (ADIs) and acute reference doses (ARfDs), where necessary.

The Meeting evaluated 29 pesticides, including nine new compounds and three compounds that were re-evaluated within the periodic review programme of the CCPR, for toxicity or residues, or both

The Meeting established ADIs and ARfDs, estimated maximum residue levels and recommended them for use by CCPR, and estimated STMR and highest residue (HR) levels as a basis for estimating dietary intake.

The Meeting also estimated the dietary exposures (both short-term and long-term) of the pesticides reviewed and, on this basis, performed dietary risk assessments in relation to their ADIs or ARfDs. Cases in which ADIs or ARfDs may be exceeded were clearly indicated in order to facilitate the decision-making process of CCPR. The rationale for methodologies for long- and short-term dietary risk assessment are described in detail in the FAO Manual on the submission and evaluation of pesticide residue data for the estimation of maximum residue levels in food and feed (2016).

The Meeting considered a number of current issues related to the risk assessment of chemicals, the evaluation of pesticide residues and the procedures used to recommend maximum residue levels.

The annual Joint Meeting of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment and the WHO Core Assessment Group on Pesticide Residues was held in Rome, Italy, from 13 to 23 September 2016. The FAO Panel of Experts had met in preparatory sessions from 08 to 12 September 2016. The Meeting was held in pursuance of recommendations made by previous Meetings and accepted by the governing bodies of FAO and WHO that studies should be undertaken jointly by experts to evaluate possible hazards to humans arising from the occurrence of pesticide residues in foods. During the meeting the FAO Panel of Experts was responsible for reviewing pesticide use patterns (use of good agricultural practices), data on the chemistry and composition of the pesticides and methods of analysis for pesticide residues and for estimating the maximum residue levels that might occur as a result of the use of the pesticides according to good agricultural use practices. The WHO Core Assessment Group was responsible for reviewing toxicological and related data and for estimating, where possible and appropriate, acceptable daily intakes (ADIs) and acute reference doses (ARfDs) of the pesticides for humans. This report contains information on ADIs, ARfDs, maximum residue levels, and general principles for the evaluation of pesticides. The recommendations of the Joint Meeting, including further research and information, are proposed for use by Member governments of the respective agencies and other interested parties.