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*Wishing all of you some rest and peace during this  
Festive Season  
and all the best for 2008!*



*Through this Update the Pesticide Management Group wishes to inform you on new publications, reports and upcoming events deriving from its work. Any feedback that you may wish to provide on this issue and throughout 2008 as well is welcomed.*

*We look forward to continue the fruitful dialogue with all of you in order to strengthen the information exchange in support of the sound management of pesticides. Please send your comments, input, suggestions and any questions to [Pesticide-Management@fao.org](mailto:Pesticide-Management@fao.org).*

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## **1) Pesticide Management**

***First Session of the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management and Third Session of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management - Rome, 22-26 October 2007***

First FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management and 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management was held at FAO Headquarters in Rome from 22 to 26 October 2007.

Through the establishment of this joint FAO/WHO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management, both Organizations, FAO and WHO, have created a platform through which advice, guidance and standards can be developed for all pesticides, regardless where they are used, either for public health purposes or for agricultural purposes.

The joint FAO/WHO Meeting addressed various topics in support of sound management practises for pesticides through the implementation of the *International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides*. A number of guidelines, some of which will become joint FAO/WHO guidelines, were finalized and/or developed. It further provided guidance regarding *Highly Hazardous Pesticides* through a description of this term and in

support of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). FAO will focus its initial SAICM activities following the recommendation of the FAO Council, that “in view of the broad range of activities envisaged within SAICM, the Council suggested that the activities of FAO could include risk reduction, including the progressive ban on highly hazardous pesticides”.

The report of this Meeting will be posted on our website in early 2008.

Click [here](#) to access the webpage on Highly Hazardous Pesticides

Click [here](#) for more information on FAO’s involvement in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM).

**Download:**

- [\*Recommendations of the First FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management and 3rd Session of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management\*](#)
- [\*Agenda of the Meeting.\*](#)

## **2) Pesticide Residues**

***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 (JMPR) – Geneva, Switzerland, 18-27 September 2007***

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 Geneva, Switzerland, from 18 to 27 September 2007. The FAO Panel of Experts had met in Preparatory Sessions from 13 to 17 September 2007.

The Meeting evaluated 31 pesticides, of which 6 were new compounds, and 10 were re-evaluated within the periodic review programme of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR). It established acceptable daily intakes (ADIs) and acute reference doses (ARfDs). The Meeting estimated maximum residue levels, which it recommended for use as maximum residue limits (MRLs) by the CCPR. It also estimated supervised trials median residue (STMR) and highest residue (HR) levels as a basis for estimation of the dietary intake of residues of the pesticides reviewed.

Furthermore, 12 general items were discussed during the JMPR under “General Considerations” related to the principles applied for the evaluation of pesticide residues in food and feed.

Click [here](#) to link to FAO Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment web site

**Download:**

- [Summary Report of the 2007 JMPR.](#)
- [List of substances scheduled for evaluation and call for data for JMPR 2008.](#)
- [Addendum and supplement request for data](#)

***Global Minor Use Summit, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, 3-6 December 2007***

FAO, the US Department of Agriculture and its IR-4 Project, and the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) have jointly organized the first **Global Minor Use Summit**.

The **Summit**, being the first global event on specialty crops and minor uses, was attended by nearly 300 participants from more than 60 countries. This overwhelming response clearly demonstrated that “minor use is anything but a minor issue”. All presentations of the Summit are made available on our website. The Summit also produced clear recommendations in order to make progress on minor uses and specialty crops. These recommendations include, *inter alia*, the proposal to develop a communication platform, to bring this issue to the attention of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR), and to prepare for a second **Summit**.

These recommendations are the basis for the Organizing and Advisory Committee to continue to work, and the Pesticide Management Group will inform you on any progress on the matters.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission took place at the same time at FAO headquarters as well, and it noted that the **Global Minor Use Summit** was likely to have implications for the work on risk assessment of pesticide residues carried out by JMPR and the work of the CCPR. It was agreed that information on the outcome of the Summit would be provided to the next meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in July 2008.

Click [here](#) to access the Global Minor Use Summit webpage,

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- [Full Programme](#)
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- [Press Release](#)
- [Report of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission](#)

### 3) Pesticide Specifications

#### **Withdrawal of FAO specifications developed under the old procedure for which the methods for impurities are not available**

In the Pesticide Management Update no. 4, we informed subscribers of FAO's intention to withdraw the specifications that have been developed under the old procedure for which the methods of analysis for the impurities **are not** available to FAO.

The deadline for the submission of these methods for impurities was 31 October 2007.

Click [here](#) to download the list of compounds that will be withdrawn (10 in total), and click [here](#) to download the list of compounds for which manufacturers either provided the appropriate methods to FAO (26 in total), or indicated the submission of data for the development of FAO specifications under the new procedure.

The methods for the analysis of the impurities have been incorporated into the respective specifications and are available on our website.

#### **Specifications**

FAO is publishing specifications for pesticides and their related formulations based on the recommendations made at the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Specifications (JMPS). Click [here](#) to access the FAO publications for Pesticides.

Latest specifications published in December 2007:

- [Alpha-Cypermethrin](#)

### 4) Upcoming events

- Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR), 40<sup>th</sup> Session – Beijing, PR of China, 14-19 April 2008 (Click [here](#) to link to Codex web site)

- Fifth Joint CIPAC/FAO/WHO Open Meeting (52<sup>nd</sup> CIPAC Meeting and 7th JMPS Meeting) - Braunschweig, Germany, 5-13 June 2008 (Click [here](#) to link to FAO Pesticide Management Pesticide Specifications and Quality Control Standards web site)

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