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SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 45TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (REP13/PR)

The report of the 45th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues will be considered by the 36th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 1 – 5 July 2013).

PART A: MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 36TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION:

1. **Draft maximum residue limits for pesticides at Step 8** (paras. 17 – 90, Appendix II);
2. **Proposed draft maximum residue limits for pesticides at Step 5/8 (with omission of Steps 6/7)** (paras. 17 – 90, Appendix III).

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the above draft and proposed draft MRLs, should do so in writing, in conformity with the *Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts* (Part 3 – *Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts*, Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission), **preferably by email**, to the above address **before 15 June 2013**.

3. **Proposed draft revision to the Classification of Food and Feed at Step 5 – selected vegetable commodity groups (roots and tubers)** (para. 123, Appendix XI).

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the above matters, should do so in writing, in conformity with the *Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts* (Part 3 – *Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts*, Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission), **preferably by email**, to the above address **before 15 June 2013**.

PART B: OTHER MATTERS FOR ACTION BY THE 36TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

4. **Maximum residue limits for pesticides recommended for revocation** (paras. 17 – 90, Appendix IV).
5. **Principles and guidance for application of the proportionality concept for estimation of maximum residue limits for pesticides** (for inclusion in the Procedural Manual as an Annex to the *Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues*) (para. 98, Appendix VIII).
6. **Consequential amendments to maximum residue limits for pesticides for fruit commodity groups due to revision of the Classification of Food and Feed as per these commodity groups** (paras. 109-110, Appendix IX).

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the proposed revocations of Codex MRLs should do so in writing, **preferably by email**, to the above address **before 15 June 2013**.

PART C: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INFORMATION ON:

7. **Matters related to the 2013 JMPR including concern forms** (paras. 17 - 90).

Those countries and observers specified under individual compounds concerning matters related to the 2013 JMPR (e.g. GAP, residue evaluation, intake assessment, etc.) on specific pesticide/commodity(ies) to be considered by 2013 JMPR, including submission of concern forms together with necessary data, are invited to send information or data to: **1)** Ms Yong Zhen YANG, Agricultural Officer and JMPR Secretary, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome 00153, Italy, Fax:+39 06 57053224, E-mail: YoungZhen.Yang@fao.org; **2)** Dr Philippe VERGER, WHO JMPR Secretary, Appia Avenue 20, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland, Fax: +41 22 791 4807, E-mail: vergerp@who.int; **3)** Dr Xiongwu QIAO, Shanxi Academy of Agricultural Sciences, 2 Changfeng Street, Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, 030006, P.R. China, Fax: +86 351 7126215, E-mail: ccpr_qiao@agri.gov.cn, ccpr@agri.gov.cn; and **4)** Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy, Fax: +39 06 57054593; E-mail: codex@fao.org) **before 30 June 2013**.

Those countries and observers specified under individual compounds in REP13/PR, Appendix XII concerning matters related to the future JMPR meetings (GAPs, residue evaluation, intake assessment, etc.) on specific pesticide/commodity(ies) to be considered at subsequent years by JMPR, are invited to send information or data **one year before** JMPR considers these compounds at the addresses indicated above.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The 45th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues reached the following conclusions:

MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 36TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Draft and proposed draft MRLs for pesticides

- Draft and proposed draft MRLs for pesticide at Steps 8 and 5/8 with omission of Steps 6/7 (paras. 17 – 90, Appendices II and III);
- Draft revision to the Classification of Food and Feed at Step 5 (selected vegetable commodity groups – roots and tubers) at Step 5 (para. 123, Appendix XI).

Other matters for adoption

- Principles and guidance for application of the proportionality concept for estimation of MRLs (for inclusion in the Procedural Manual as an Annex to the *Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues*) (para. 98, Appendix VIII);
- Consequential amendments to maximum residue limits for pesticides for fruit commodity groups due to the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed as per these commodity groups (paras. 109-110, Appendix IX).

Revocation of MRLs for pesticides

- Revocation of MRLs for pesticides (paras 17 – 90, Appendix IV).

Approval of new work

- Priority List for the Establishment of MRLs for Pesticides (para. 161, Appendix XIV).
- Guidance on performance criteria specific for methods of analysis for the determination of pesticide residues (para. 140, Appendix XII).

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION

The Committee:

- noted matters arising from the 2012 JMPR including replies to specific concerns raised by the last session of the Committee (paras. 17 - 90);
- agreed to retain several draft and proposed draft MRLs for pesticides at Steps 7 and 4 awaiting for JMPR evaluations (paras. 17 – 90, Appendices V and VI);
- agreed to withdraw several draft and proposed draft MRLs for pesticides in view of the advancement of corresponding MRLs to Steps 8 and 5/8 (paras. 17-90, Appendix VII);
- agreed on the completion of the pilot project for JMPR recommendation of MRLs before national governments or other regional registration authorities for a global joint review chemical by advancing several proposed draft MRLs for the new chemical sulfoxaflor to the Commission for final adoption; retained a few proposed MRLs for further evaluation by JMPR; and did not identify any follow-up actions (paras. 75-80, 170, 175-176, 182, Appendix III);
- agreed to hold selected vegetable commodity groups on “brassica (cole or cabbage vegetables, head and flowerhead heads”; “leafy vegetables (including brassical leafy vegetables)”; and “stalk and stem vegetables” at Step 7 pending finalization of the *Classification of Food and Feed* in relation to the vegetable commodity groups (para. 118, Appendix X);
- agreed to continue working on the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* through the identification of other vegetable commodity groups (para.124);
- agreed to continue to work on examples of selection of representative commodities for vegetable and other commodity groups in parallel with the revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* for inclusion in the *Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides to Commodity Groups* (paras. 131-132);
- agreed to continue work on criteria for use by CCPR and JMPR to determine the minimum number of field trials necessary to support the establishment of MRLs for minor crops / specialty crops in order to facilitate data submission to JMPR and other related issues (para. 136);
- continue the revision of the *Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues* with a view to their finalization by the next session of the Committee (paras. 149-150, Appendix XIII);
- noted that there was not enough support to consider new avenues to assist CCPR in the establishment of MRLs for new active compounds and agreed not to pursue the matter at this point in time (para. 182);

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

(Used in this Report)

ADI	Acceptable Daily Intake
ALARA	As low as reasonably possible
ARfD	Acute Reference Dose
CAC	Codex Alimentarius Commission
CCPR	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues
CCR/VDF	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
CLI	CropLife International
CRD	Conference Room Document
CXL	Codex Maximum Residue Limit for Pesticide
DIE	Daily Intake Estimate
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
EMRL	Extraneous Maximum Residue Limit
EU	European Union
EWG	Electronic Working Group
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations
GAP	Good Agricultural Practice (in the use of pesticides)
GEMS/Food	Global Environment Monitoring System - Food Contamination Monitoring and Assessment Programme
GMUS-2	Second Global Minor Use Summit
HR	Highest residue in edible portion of a commodity found in trials used to estimate a maximum residue level in the commodity
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICGCC	International Crop Grouping Consulting Committee
IESTI	International Estimated of Short-Term Intake
JECFA	Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives
JMPR	Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues
MRL	Maximum Residue Limit
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PWG	Physical Working Group
SPS Agreement	Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
STDF	Standards and Trade Development Facility
TDI	Tolerable Daily Intake
USA	United States of America
WG	Working group
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization