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FROM Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT **Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXM 4-1989)**
Class C – Primary Feed Commodities
Type 11 – Primary Feed Commodities of Plant Origin

- **Group 50 Legume feed;**
- **Group 51 Straw, fodder and forage of cereal grains; and**
- **Group 52 Miscellaneous fodder and forage crops**

Request for comments at Step 3

DEADLINE **31 March 2018**

COMMENTS	To: CCPR Secretariat Institute for Control of the Agrochemicals Ministry of Agriculture (ICAMA) E-mail: ccpr@agri.gov.cn	Copy to: Secretariat Codex Alimentarius Commission Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme E-mail: codex@fao.org
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BACKGROUND

1. See CX/PR 18/50/9.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments, through their Contact Points, on the aforesaid proposed draft revised groups as presented in Appendix I of CX/PR 18/50/9 to facilitate their consideration by CCPR.
3. Comments should also:
 - consider the use of more specific commodity terms (hay, straw and silage) to replace the “fodder” terminology used previously.
 - consider the proposal by the European Union to create another group within Class C for processed animal feeds and by-products or if these could be incorporated in the existing Classification.
 - take into account the guiding principles and the criteria for crop grouping of the Classification as indicated in the Annex to this CL.
4. Comments should be submitted in writing in conformity with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (see Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission) preferably in word file to facilitate compilation and translation of comments.

ANNEX

The Classification of Food and Feed (CAC/MISC 4-1993) includes food commodities and animal feedstuffs for which Codex maximum residue limits will not necessarily be established. The Classification is intended:

- to be a listing of food commodities in trade as complete as possible, classified into groups on the basis of the commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues;
- primarily to ensure the use of uniform nomenclature and secondarily to classify foods into groups and/or sub-groups for the purpose of establishing group maximum residue limits for commodities with similar characteristics and residue potential; and
- to promote harmonization of the terms used to describe commodities which are subject to maximum residue limits and of the approach to grouping commodities with similar potential for residue for which a common group maximum residue limit can be set.

Characteristics for crop grouping are:

1. Commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues;
2. Similar morphology;
3. Similar production practices, growth habits, etc;
4. Edible portion;
5. Similar GAP for pesticide uses;
6. Similar residue behavior;
7. To provide flexibility for setting (sub) group tolerances.

The Criteria for the selection of representative commodities include:

1. A representative commodity is most likely to contain the highest residues;
2. A representative commodity is likely to be major in terms of production and/or consumption;
3. A representative commodity is most likely similar in morphology, growth habit, pest problems and edible portion to the related commodities within a group or subgroup.