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

SUBJECT Request for comments on the draft revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed (Group 024 Seeds for beverages and sweets) (Step 6)*

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BACKGROUND

1. The 40th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the proposed draft revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (Group 024: Seeds for Beverages and Sweets) at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6 for comments and further consideration by the 50th Session of the Committee on Pesticide Residues with a view to its finalization by CCPR50 and adoption at Step 8 by CAC41 (2018).¹

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on Group 024 taking into account the criteria for crop grouping (see Annex) as well as the decisions made by CCPR49² in regard to this group. The draft Group 024 is available in Appendix XII of REP17/PR (REP17/PR).³

¹ REP17/CAC, Appendix IV

² REP17/PR, paras. 129-131

³ The reports of CAC and its subsidiary bodies (e.g. CCPR) are available on the website at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/en/>

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.