TO: Codex Contact Points  
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

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

SUBJECT: Request for comments on the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review

DEADLINE: 25 June 2021

BACKGROUND
1. For background information, please refer to CX/PR 21/52/17, Appendix I.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments on the recommendations for the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) as per the following:

3. General Comments on whether Option 2b or Option 3 would be the most appropriate option to be implemented by CCPR to address the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review by JMPR as described in CX/PR 21/52/17, Appendix I, Section II taking into account the challenges and advantages identified for each option in CX/PR 21/52/17, Appendix I, Section I, point (iii) of the Terms of Reference (TOR). Based on the selected option, please provide specific comments on:

4. Specific Comments
4.1 TOR(iv)
   1. whether there is room to improve the text used to describe either options in Section II,
   2. whether there is support for the additional measures to support implementation of either options in Section II, i.e. additional practices within CCPR, capacity development to strengthen capacities in Codex members, establishment of an forum for information sharing, if so, whether the text can be improved and whether there are other options that could also be implemented to support the implementation of these options.

4.2 TOR(ii)
   1. To consider the different options for data support that may assist in the implementation of either options that could be recommended for action by CCPR, FAO, WHO, etc. as described in CX/PR 21/52/17, Appendix I, Section I, TOR (ii). Please indicate if there is support for some or all of these activities, considering feasibility, effectiveness, etc. and whether other activities could be proposed in addition to those described under TOR (ii).

5. Any other comments / recommendations that are not covered under the points identified under the general and specific comments.

6. CX/PR 21/52/17, Appendix I, TORs(ii)/(iv) is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance below.
GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.

8. Contact Points of Codex members and observers may login to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting “Enter” in the “My reviews” page, available after login to the system.

9. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

10. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/.

11. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org