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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 recommendations for national registrations of pesticides for the purpose of periodic review

DEADLINE: 10 May 2024

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/PR 24/55/8¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to consider the recommendations on how to progress work on the database for national registrations of pesticides to aid periodic reviews of compounds by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) and further consideration by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) as follows:
 - i. Whether the general approach to the development of the database for the national registration of pesticides is appropriate – please indicate any further improvements that can be incorporated to facilitate data collection and analysis.
 - ii. Whether sufficient responses are available to support the periodic review of unsupported compounds with no public health concern which are no longer be supported by the manufacturer (see also Agenda Items 8 and 10).
 - iii. Whether a smaller number of substances can be foreseen for the next years exercise on the database for the national registration of pesticides.
 - iv. Whether the results of this exercise should be submitted to the EWG on unsupported compounds without public health concerns to decide on whether it would be useful (a) to consider an active substance from Group 1 or 2 for their future work and (b) to start discussions on those substances from Group 3 where no support is given so far.
 - v. Provide any further suggestion not covered under the above points.

When replying on the points (i-v), Codex members and observers are invited to take due account of the data/information provided under the key findings and conclusions (CX/PR 24/55/8, paragraphs 15-20) as well as the summary/assessment of comments in reply to CL 2023/25-PR and CL 2023/86-PR provided in Appendix I of the said working document.

3. The recommendations are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>. Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance provided in paragraphs 5-9.
4. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL² in order to facilitate the consideration of the proposed guidelines at the upcoming CCPR.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/tr/?meeting=CCPR&session=55>

² <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCPR>

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
6. 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.
7. 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)³.
8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁴.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

³ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>