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Comments on Agenda item 6, 7e and 10, submitted by Morocco

CL 2018/11-PR : REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2017 JOINT FAO/WHO MEETING ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (JMPR)

Morocco has no objection for recommended MRLs. However, this opinion could be changed in the case where Morocco has a consumption data on the highest large portion.

In the other hand, Natamycin is not registrated as a plant protection product in Morocco. And this decision is taken for all pesticides with the antibiotics as an active ingredient.

Item 7e of the agenda

CX/PR 18/50/10 : REVISION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED: TABLE 4 – EXAMPLES OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMODITIES FOR TYPE 04 – NUTS, SEEDS AND SAPS AND TABLE 5 – EXAMPLES OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMODITIES FOR TYPE 05 – HERBS AND SPICES (AT STEP 4) :

Groupe 022 Tree nuts :

Pistachio nut is harvested when the fruit is ripe and the hull is opened. Hence, this commodity is likely to receive more residues than other closed-shelled fruits, especially in the case of pesticide are applied around the end of the Pistachio crop cycle.

Since among the criteria for selection of representative products is to choose a major crop that would most likely contain the most residues, and as the product is placed at Group 022 Tree nuts with two representatives commodities of the group (except Cocco nuts).

Morocco recommends revisiting the opportunity to extrapolate pesticide MRLs from closed nuts on pistachios. Hence, we propose to consider the pistachio among the representative commodities of the group.

Subgroup 023B Sunflower seeds

We suggset to add soyben in the Subgroup 023B Sunflower seeds.

CL 2018/17-PR : REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON NATIONAL REGISTRATIONS OF PESTICIDES :

We suggset to :

- a) Add in **Code No. HH 0738 - Mint:** *Mentha viridis* L. as a synonym of *Mentha spicata*.
- b) Add in **Code No. HH 0750 – Thyme:** *Thymus satureioides* COSSON.
- c) Add in **Code No. HH 0752 – Wintergreen, leaves:** *Artemisia herba-alba* Asso (white wormwood).
- d) Add a **New Code No. for Verbena, leaves** with commodities :
 - o *Aloysia citriodora* Palau syn.: *Aloysia triphylla* (L'Hér.) Britton, *Lippia citriodora* Kunth, *Lippia triphylla* (L'Hér.) Kuntze, *Verbena triphylla* L'Hér.
 - o *Verbena officinalis* L.
- e) Add a **New Code No. for camomille** with commodities :
 - o *Chamaemelum nobile* L. Syn. *Anthemis nobilis* L.
 - o *Matricaria recutita* L. Syn. *Matricaria chamomilla* L.

Item 10 of the agenda**CX/PR 18/50/14 : INFORMATION ON NATIONAL REGISTRATIONS OF PESTICIDES****Morocco's answers :**

- a) It is suggested that no more than 20 – 30 active substances should be added to the National Registration Database each year. Do Member countries consider this to be an acceptable and manageable number?

YES

- b) From time to time the content of the National Registration Database needs an update concerning registered uses. Is a 5 year cycle acceptable?

YES

- c) The Chair and co-chair of the EWG on Priorities propose to publish the complete National Registration Database in a non-changeable format. Member countries should store the entries into their Member database and update their Member database as requested. We kindly request your views on this proposal on the way forward.

This suggestion will need to be further examined as Member countries' databases are not harmonized.