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PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES ON GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE IN PESTICIDE RESIDUE ANALYSIS

(prepared by The Netherlands)

In response to CL 2001/29-PR, September, 2001 comments were received from: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, New Zealand, Thailand and the United States of America.

The general comments showed fair support for the draft guidelines in terms of its structure and readability. The technical and editorial comments are listed below.

Country	Paragraph	Comment	Proposed action
Argentina	Full document	Argentina agrees with the proposed text	No action
Brazil	Full document	Brazil agrees with the proposed text	No action
Chile	Full document	Detailed editorial comments on the Spanish version	Will be discussed with the Spanish speaking experts speakers available at the session
Chile	3.1.1	Chile has concerns with the need to have separate rooms available for the subsequent stages of the analytical procedure.	Discuss whether more detailed guidance can be provided
Chile	4.1.8	Chile suggests to give more detailed guidance on the facilities that must be kept separate or that should be kept separate in a laboratory where both formulations and residues are analysed.	Discuss where this is feasible

Chile	4.7.3.	Chile doubts whether TLC would be sensitive enough to provide confirmation for GC-methods	Discuss in conjunction with the more general US concerns on the role of confirmatory techniques.
Cuba		Cuba agrees with the proposed text	No action
New Zealand, USA	4.4.3.2.	The abbreviations AL and MRM should be introduced in the body text	Agree
New Zealand	4.5.2	Replace “Control Charts <u>may</u> be used...” by “Control Charts <u>should</u> be used....”	Agree
New Zealand	4.7.2	The use of a photo-diode array would considerably aid the detection of residues and be useful for the determination of peak purity.	Discuss, peak purity is a feature that is not covered by the present text.
Thailand	Section 3	The statement “...the staff should be given periodic medical checks...” is not included; Thailand proposes to insert that text	The proposal is a matter of occupational health which is not covered by the statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
Thailand	Table 3 (Note 4)	The definition of CV _L is not clear with regards to how sample the 10% budget for processing is allocated.	Discuss and clarify text as far as the present state-of-the-art permits.
Thailand	Table 5	Tropical fruits and vegetables are not represented.	The representative of IAEA volunteered to serve as a mailbox for relevant information on representative tropical fruits and vegetables. Await IAEA findings or address in future CL.
Thailand	Glossary	Add Group Specific Methods (GSM)	Agree
USA	Full document	Several typing errors and minor editorial remarks.	Accept and incorporate in future version
USA	3.2.4.	Skip this clause	Discuss
USA	3.2.6.	First line, insert after reagents: “, whose integrity could be influenced by any kind of degradative processes,”	Agree
USA	4.5.2.6.	Reference to 4.2.3. is incorrect, action limits are not defined	Agree, refer to accepted limits and section 4.4.3.2.
USA	4.6.	The US delegation expresses strong concerns with this section because: Use of an alternative procedure may or may not be desirable depending on the method used for initial analysis; Nations may have an official method for the analyte.	Discuss, options are to give the text a more informative status, rather than normative. Insert text on quantitative verification by a second independent analysis with the same method, referring to Table 4 (4.1.3) for

Most comments show support for the document, the most important item to be settled is the role of confirmatory techniques. The Committee should consider referring these comments to its ad-hoc Working Group on Methods of Analysis and Sampling. It may also consider to invite the Delegation of the Netherlands to draft a new version of the proposed draft amendments to the Guidelines on Good Practice in Pesticide Residue Analysis for further consideration in the Codex Procedure.