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ALLOCATION OF FOOD CLASSIFICATION CODES FOR CERTAIN SPICES

(Prepared by the CCPR Secretariat)

BACKGROUND

1. At its 28th Session (2005) the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted a number of MRLs for spices and Dried Chili Peppers. These MRLs had been proposed by the CCPR at its 37th Session.¹ At the time of discussion in the Committee, the Delegation of Japan noted that it would be necessary to allocate codes and numbers not only for spice groups but also for subgroups, following the establishment of MRLs for spices (para.265).
2. The allocation of appropriate commodity codes and numbers is essential to the entry of information on the Pesticides MRL database maintained by the Codex Secretariat. Without such codes and numbers, the decisions of the Committee and the Commission cannot be recorded in the database and as a result cannot be accessed.
3. The only entries in the Commodity Code HS at the moment are:

HS 93 – Spices

HS 790 - Pepper, Black; White

PROPOSAL

4. It is proposed to establish, at least on a temporary basis, relevant codes and numbers to cover the spice commodities for which MRLs were established in 2005. These proposals are as follows:

Spices

5. The existing code HS 93 should continue to be used for the all spices in Group 28 as identified by the Committee at its 27th Session.
6. New code numbers should be established to cover the sub-groups for which MRLs have been established as follows:

¹ ALINORM 05/28/41, para. 82; ALINORM 05/27/24, paras. 177-182 (Spices), paras. 183-188 (Dried Chili Pepper), Appendix IV and Appendix VII.

HS 94 – Spices, Seeds

HS 95 – Spices, Fruits and Berries

HS 96 – Spices, Roots and Rhizomes

Dried Chili Peppers

7. A new code number HS 444 should be established for “Peppers Chili, Dried” based on the prior allocation of VO 444 for Peppers, Chili.