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DRAFT PROVISIONS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF MRLS FOR HONEY (FOR INCLUSION ON THE RISK ANALYSIS PRINCIPLES APPLIED BY THE CCRVDF)

Replies to CL 2013/26-RVDF Part B of Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, European Union, Iran and FoodDrinkEurope

BRAZIL

Brazil supports the inclusion in the Procedural Manual of the text as proposed in REP14/RVDF App. XI to address the establishment of MRLs in honey.

CHILE

Section IV Risk Analysis (new bullet in para. 26)

Chile suggests not including this modification.

Justification

Modification of this section is not considered necessary since the Procedural Manual includes no references to specific products and it is sufficiently broad to include MRLs for honey.

Risk Assessment Policy for the Setting of MRLs of Veterinary Drugs in Food (new para. 2)

Chile can support the proposed inclusion of point h) concerning JECFA actions regarding the Risk Assessment Policy considering the special and unique characteristics of the product in question (honey) that, as a result, would be specified in JECFA studies.

COSTA RICA

Costa Rica agrees with including a short paragraph in the Risk Analysis Principles applied by the CCRVDF to try to establish MRLs for honey using other approaches in line with JECFA guidelines.

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

The EU supports the proposed additions, as presented in REP 14/RVDF Appendix XI, for inclusion in the Risk Analysis Principles Applied by CCRVDF. These additions should facilitate establishing Codex MRLs for honey.

IRAN

Iran agrees with the proposed changes in in the Procedural Manual in the Risk Analysis Principles applied by the CCRVDF to address the establishment of MRLs for honey.

FOODDRINKEUROPE

FoodDrinkEurope, representing the European federation of Honey Packers and Distributors, F.E.E.D.M, welcomes that the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food is willing to address the establishment of MRLs for honey using an alternative approach in accordance with the guidance established by JECFA.

The international honey trade needs legal certainty regarding traces of veterinary drugs in honey.