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SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHEDULES AND PRIORITY LISTS OF PESTICIDES OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (CCPR) FOR EVALUATION BY THE JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT MEETINGS ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (JMPR)**

DEADLINE: **30 June 2020**

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A. SCHEDULES AND PRIORITY LISTS 2021-2024

- Appendix A includes the schedules and priority lists (Tables 1-4) as specified in the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) Procedural Manual "Risk Analysis Principles Applied by CCPR".
- Amendments to the schedules and priority lists, outlined in the report of CCPR51 (REP19/PR, Appendix X and Conference Room Document (CRD02)) following comments received after CAC42 (2019) approved on-going work on priority setting, are shown in red text. Every effort is made to accurately record nominations lodged during this period. As this is a 'working' spreadsheet, amendments can be made without delay, should errors be identified.
- The priority list of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR in 2020 is closed but included at this stage for reference only.

B. FINALIZING THE 2021 PROPOSED SCHEDULE

- As CCPR52 has been rescheduled to April 2021, it was not possible to discuss the schedules and priority lists for 2021. While this is the case, in order to continue progressing work on the establishment of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for pesticides in Codex, the JMPR Secretariat is in consultation with the Electronic Working Group on Priorities (CCPR/EWG-Priorities) to establish a list of compounds for evaluation by JMPR in 2021.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF JMPR (MAY 2021)

- At CCPR51 (2019), the United States of America (USA) made a voluntary commitment to provide additional financial resources to support the work of JMPR and proposed holding a second extraordinary meeting in 2021 that would focus on new uses and other evaluations similarly the first extraordinary meeting² of JMPR held in May 2019 with the kind assistance of Canada. The CCPR and JMPR Secretariats thanked the kind offer of USA in support of Codex work on MRLs for pesticides and to the provision of scientific advice on pesticide residues.³

¹ This Circular Letter has been revised to include a request for nominations of existing compounds for new uses and other evaluations (additional MRLs) to be assessed by an extraordinary meeting of JMPR in May 2021.

² [2019 Extraordinary JMPR Meeting Report](#)

³ REP19/PR, paras. 241-242 and 27.

6. The 2021 extraordinary JMPR meeting will be held in May 2021. The meeting will build on the experience of the first extraordinary meeting in 2019 and focus on new uses and other evaluations.
7. For new uses for compounds that are currently listed on the schedules and priority lists, Codex members and sponsors are encouraged to nominate that the new uses be moved to the schedule for assessment at the 2021 extraordinary meeting of JMPR. For these new uses, it is recognized that sponsors may want to maintain their existing spot on the schedules and priority lists while plans for the 2021 extraordinary JMPR meeting are confirmed. Therefore, any nominations will remain on the existing schedules and priority lists.
8. New uses of existing compounds that are not listed on the schedules and priority lists may also be nominated provided that supporting data is available and all nomination criteria are met. The nomination template provided as an addendum shall also be submitted to the EWG.

REGULAR MEETING OF JMPR (SEPTEMBER 2021)

9. To assist consideration of scheduling for 2021, the proposed 2021 schedule of JMPR evaluations is extracted from Tables 1 and 2A and appears in three worksheets with the prefix '2021'.
10. The '2021 new cpd' worksheet lists 6 compounds in 2021 new compound proposed schedule. National registrations have been confirmed for three of the listed compounds.
 - **No further nominations to this schedule can be accepted.**
11. The '2021 new use – other' worksheet lists 26 nominations for new use. Of 26 nominations, evidence of product labels / national registration has been provided for 15 compounds. The commodities for these 15 compounds are listed in upper case text.
 - **Nominators are encouraged to provide evidence of national registration as soon as practicable to confirm a place on the proposed 2021 schedule.**
12. The '2021 periodrev' worksheet lists 9 compounds in the proposed 2021 schedule of periodic reviews. Currently, there is no evidence of support for two of the listed compounds. Noting JMPR resources and the number of new compounds scheduled for evaluation in 2021, a maximum of six compounds can be included for periodic re-evaluation in the final schedule. The remaining compound will be deferred to 2022 proposed schedule.
 - No further nominations to this schedule can be accepted.
13. In addition, there are several compounds from the 2019 and 2020 schedules of periodic reviews which were not evaluated by JMPR. Further advice from sponsors is required to clarify the status of those compounds.
 - **A decision concerning ongoing retention of unsupported compounds on the Codex List of Pesticides and maintenance of existing Codex maximum residue limits for pesticides (CXLs) will need to be made at CCPR52. A planned discussion paper concerning the management of unsupported compounds may assist CCPR to reach a decision regarding these compounds.**
 - **Members and observers are strongly encouraged to consider appropriate strategies for retention should any of these compounds remain important to respective interests.**
 - **For those compounds where support has been noted, most of the nominations require significant additional information including commodities supported, availability of residue trials and the availability of toxicological data packages.**
14. **Advice Notes (New Use and Other Evaluations)**
 - Consistent with the approach taken at CCPR48 (2016), member countries and observer international organizations (sponsors) who have nominated compounds for the proposed new uses and other evaluations schedule can only confirm a place on the schedule by submitting documented evidence of a registered use / authorized formulation labels / Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) or at least evidence of data submission to a national regulatory authority with a view to obtaining a registration / authorized formulation label / GAP **prior to CCPR52.**
 - Nominators / manufactures are encouraged to submit evidence of national registrations / product labels as soon as practicable.
 - Should more than 20 compound nominations on the 2021 schedule meet the registered use / formulation label / GAP requirement, the first 20 compounds meeting the requirements will be scheduled for evaluation and those beyond number 20 will be given a **RESERVE** status.
 - As per the new compound approach, should the opportunity present, JMPR may choose to evaluate a **RESERVE** compound.

C. PRIORITY LISTS 2022 AND BEYOND – TABLE 1

15. Table 1 – 2022 & beyond - new cpds worksheet includes 10 nominations for future scheduling. Seven of the compounds are expected to form part of the 2022 proposed schedule. The remaining three compounds are marked for future years on request by the nominators / manufacturers.
16. Table 1 – 2022 & beyond - new use - other worksheet includes 22 nominations for future scheduling.

D. PRIORITY LISTS 2022 AND BEYOND – TABLE 2A

17. The 'Table 2A' worksheet includes priority lists for periodic reviews in 2022 and beyond (8 compounds). All the listed compounds meet the "15-year rule".

E. TABLE 2B

18. The 'Table 2B' worksheet lists 47 compounds which meet the "15-year rule" but have not yet been listed for periodic review.

F. PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

19. In accordance with the nomination process described in the Codex Procedural Manual "Risk Analysis Principles applied by CCPR", Members and Observers may lodge public health concerns for any compound in the Codex Pesticide List including those already listed in Tables 2A and 2B. In lodging a public health concern, the nominator must provide supporting scientific data.

G. PERIODIC REVIEWS (UNSUPPORTED COMPOUNDS)

20. Member countries and Observers with an interest are strongly encouraged to provide advice on the following compounds which remain unsupported:
- 2018 & 2019: **Amitraz PHC (122), Bromopropylate PHC (070), Fenarimol PHC (192), Dicloran PHC (083),**
 - 2021: **Bromide ion (047), Fenbutatin oxide (109), Permethrin (120) (collaborators sought).**

NB: PHC denotes public health concern lodged

H. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

21. Members and observers are invited to submit comments on the schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR by not later than the deadline indicated in the box above.
- Member countries and observer organizations who have registered to the Electronic Working Group on Priorities (and therefore are members of the CCPR/EWG-Priorities) can lodge their comments in reply to this circular letter (CL) on the 'Priority List' forum on the Codex web platform:
<https://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/viewforum.php?f=238>.
 - Codex member countries and observer organizations who have not registered to the Electronic Working Group on Priorities (and therefore are not members of the CCPR/EWG-Priorities) should send their comments through their focal points to the Chair of the EWG (Australia) with a copy to the CCPR and Codex Secretariats in word or excel file as indicated in the box above.
22. In submitting comments on the schedules and priority lists, nominating Codex members and observers are encouraged to closely (i) consider the information provided under sections A to G and (ii) review the worksheets to ensure accuracy and consistency.
23. Comments are primarily solicited on the priority lists for the JMPR extraordinary and regular meetings scheduled for 2021 for which supporting data is available for a timely consideration by JMPR.
24. For nomination for the JMPR extraordinary meeting, the following must be followed:
- Nominations are limited to new uses and other evaluations of compounds that already have Codex MRLs (CXLs).
 - Candidate compounds include new uses listed on the schedules and priority lists and additional compounds for which supporting data is available.
 - Nominations must follow the template for submission of new uses and other evaluations (word file or excel sheet).
25. The revised CL will be available on the Codex website as follows:
<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>
The schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR will be available on the Codex website as indicated in Appendix I.
The template for nomination of compounds for the JMPR Extraordinary Meeting is provided in Appendix II only.
26. The priority list of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR in 2020 is closed but included at this stage for information only.

APPENDIX I: Schedules and Priority Lists of Pesticides for Evaluation by JMPR (English only)

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/xls_upload/cl20_05eREV-SchedulesAndPriorityLists-UPDATED-AppendixI.xlsx

APPENDIX II: Nomination Template for New Use & Other Evaluations (English only)

PRIORITY	DATE STAMP	TOXICOLOGY	RESIDUE	PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA		COMMODITIES	RESIDUE TRIALS	MEMBER / MANUFACTURER	COMMENTS
				REGISTERED	MRL > LOQ				
TBA	Date all scheduling criteria are met	Compound	Compound	Yes or No, with evidence	Yes or No, with evidence	Commodity groups and /or commodities	Commodity groups and /or commodities (with number of field trials)		Relevant information