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COMMENTS OF BURUNDI

Introduction

Burundi appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the different agenda items to be discussed by the 46th Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Agenda item 1 (CX/CAC 23/46/1)

Adoption of Agenda

GENERAL COMMENT

Burundi supports the adoption of the Provisional Agenda items as was circulated.

Agenda item 2 (REP23/EXEC1 REP23/EXEC2)

Report by the Chairperson on the 84th and 85th Sessions of the Executive Committee (including matters referred)

GENERAL COMMENT

Burundi supports the conclusions and recommendations of CCEXEC84 except on specific standards/text where reservations or comments have been provided in our submission.

Agenda item 3 (CX/CAC 23/46/3)

Position: Burundi supports the approval of the amendments as provided in CX/CAC 23/46/2 annexes I and II.

Rationale: The amendments are necessary in preparing to digitize the Codex procedural manual

Agenda Item 4: CX/CAC 23/46/5 & CX/CAC 22/46/5 ADD.1

Work of Codex Committees (adoption, new work, revocation, discontinuation and editorial; amendments to Codex texts proposed by the Codex Committee)

Agenda Item 4.3: Codex Committee on Food Hygiene

Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption at Step 5/8

1.

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL OF SHIGA-TOXIN-PRODUCING ESCHERICHIA COLI (STEC) IN RAW BEEF, FRESH LEAFY VEGETABLES, RAW MILK AND RAW MILK CHEESES, AND SPROUTED SEEDS (GENERAL SECTION, ANNEX I ON RAW BEEF AND ANNEX III ON RAW MILK AND RAW MILK CHEESES)

Position: Burundi supports the adoption of the General Section and Annexes I on Raw Beef as well as Annex III on Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses at Step 5/8

Rationale: The General Section and annexes on provide useful information, guidance, and adequate guidelines for the control of shiga toxin producing E. Coli from primary production to consumption. Adoption of these guidelines will provide much need reference for developing strategies and mitigations for managing this biological contamination.

2. GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFE USE AND REUSE OF WATER IN FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING (GENERAL SECTION AND ANNEX I)

Position: Burundi supports the final adoption at Step 5/8 of the General Section and the Annex on Fresh Produce to Step 5/8 by CAC 46

Rationale: Water is an increasingly becoming a scarce resource globally resulting to reuse of water in both primary production as well as during processing. It is there important to have guidelines on the appropriate safe use and reuse of available water while protecting the safety of the consumers and environment. These guidelines will go a long way in providing a risk-based decision-making for the supply, use and recycling of water fit for its intended use in primary production operations, handling, conservation, and processing.

New project proposal by CCFH

1. PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR FOOD HYGIENE CONTROL MEASURES IN TRADITIONAL FOOD MARKETS.

Position: Burundi supports the adoption of this new work on developing guidelines for food hygiene control measures in traditional food markets.

Rationale: There is need for guidelines on traditional markets given that they present globally with some studies showing that in certain regions have shown that up to 85% of food is purchased at these markets. In most cases these markets often lack the infrastructure and hygienic conditions necessary for food safety and can present food-related risks hence the need for guidelines. The work is directly supporting objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Codex Strategic plan.

2. DRAFT REVISION DOCUMENT OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF HYGIENE ON THE CONTROL OF VIBRIO SPP. IN SEAFOOD (CXG 73-2010)

Position: Burundi supports approval this new work on the revision of the Guidelines on the application of general principles of hygiene on the control of Vibrio spp. in seafood (CXG 73-2010).

Rationale: The revision will support food business operators to implement practical interventions to reduce the risk of vibriosis. The work supports objectives 1 and 5 of the Codex strategic plan 2020-2025

Agenda Item 4.5 (CX/CAC 23/46/7 & CX/CAC 23/46/7 Add.1)

Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods

Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption at Step 5/8

NEW MRLS FOR 13 COMPOUNDS

1) MRLs for:

a) Ivermectin (sheep, pigs and goats – fat, kidney, liver and muscle)

Species	Maximum Residue Limits (µg/kg)			
	Muscle	Liver	Kdney	Fat
Pigs	15	30	20	50
Goats and sheep	30	60	20	100

b) Nicarbazin (chicken) – Muscle (4000 µg/kg), Liver (15000 µg/kg), Kidney (8000 µg/kg) and Skin with fat (4000 µg/kg).

2) MRLs extrapolated to ruminants and finfish i.e.:

All other Ruminants

- a) Amoxicillin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney and milk
- b) Benzylpenicillin – muscle, liver, kidney, milk
- c) Cyhalothrin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney, milk
- d) Cypermethrin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney
- e) Deltamethrin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney
- f) Levamisole – muscle, fat, liver, kidney
- g) Moxidectin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney
- h) Spectinomycin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney, milk
- i) Tetracyclines – muscle, liver, kidney, milk
- j) Tilmicosin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney

All other Finfish

- a) Deltamethrin – muscle
- b) Flumequine – muscle

Position: Burundi supports the final adoption of MRLs at Step 5/8 for all the listed compounds.

Rationale:

- i) The compounds are extensively used in Burundi and his Nabors countries and therefore limits for residues in the different commodities need to be established by Codex to protect consumer health and to promote international trade.
- ii) For the extrapolated MRLs for different compounds, the extrapolation was done in line with the rules spelt out in the “Approach for the extrapolation of maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs to one or more species” that was adopted by CAC44.

Proposals for new work

PRIORITY LIST OF VETERINARY DRUGS FOR EVALUATION OR RE-EVALUATION BY JECFA

Position: Burundi supports the approval of the priority list of veterinary drugs (Parts I and V) by CAC46

Rationale:

- i) The use of the compounds globally are increasing and thus the need to establish the safety MRLs applicable to them so as to assure consumers safety.
- ii) For the compounds identified for extrapolation, the approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs to one or more species was already approved by CAC44.

Proposals for discontinuation of work

MRLS FOR IVERMECTIN (SHEEP, PIGS AND GOATS – FAT, KIDNEY, LIVER AND MUSCLE) AT STEP 7.

	Maximum Residue Limits (µg/kg)			
Species				
Pigs, Goats and sheep	20	15	15	10

Position: Burundi supports the recommendation for discontinuation of work on MRLs for Ivermectin for sheep, pigs and goats – fat, kidney, liver and muscle at Step 7.

Rationale: New MRLs have been advanced to CAC46 for final adoption at Step 5/8.

Agenda Item 4.6 (CX/CAC 23/46/8 & CX/CAC 23/46/8 Add.1)

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption at Step 5/8

- 1. REVIEW OF THE STANDARD FOR FOLLOW-UP FORMULA (CXS 156-1987)**
- 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARD FOR CANNED BABY FOODS (CXS 73-1981) AND THE ADVISORY LIST OF NUTRIENT COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN FOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY USES INTENDED FOR INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN (CXG 10-1979)**

Position: Burundi supports the adoption of the texts at Steps 5/8 and 8 as proposed by the committee for both standards

Rationale: The concerns raised during review of follow-up formula were extensively discussed and consensus build on all aspects. In the case of the amendments, there is sound scientific basis supporting the proposed amendments.

Standards and related texts submitted for adoption at Step 5

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NRVS-R FOR PERSONS AGED 6 – 36 MONTHS

Position: Burundi supports the adoption of General Principles for the establishment of NRVs-R for persons aged 6 – 36 months at Step 5.

Agenda Item 4.7 (CX/CAC 23/46/9 & CX/CAC 21/46/9 Add.1)

Codex Committee on Food Additives

Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption at Step 5/8

1. Revision to the descriptors to FCs 12.2.1 (Herbs) and 12.2.2 (Condiments)
2. Inclusion of the provision for trisodium citrate (INS 331(iii)) in FC 01.1.1 in the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) (CXS 192-1995)
3. Inclusion of the provisions for food additives in FC 14.2.3 (CXS 192-1995)
4. Inclusion of the provisions for riboflavin, synthetic (INS 101(i)), riboflavin 5-Phosphate sodium (INS 101(ii)), riboflavin from *Bacillus subtilis* (INS 101(iii)), riboflavin from *Ashbya gossypii* (INS 101(iv)) and spirulina extract (INS 134) in Table 3 (CXS 1921995)
5. Proposed draft revision of the Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CXG 36-1989)
6. Proposed draft Specifications for inclusion in the List of Codex Specifications for Food Additives (CXA 6-2021)
7. Draft and proposed draft food-additive provisions of the GSFA (CXS 192-1995) and revisions to adopted provisions.
8. Inclusion of mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (INS 471) in FC 02.1.2 (CXS 192-1995)
9. Inclusion of the provisions for polyglycerol esters of fatty acids (INS 475), sorbitan esters of fatty acids (INS 491-495), and stearyl lactylates (INS 481(i), 482(i)) in FC 02.1.2 (CXS 192- 1995)
10. Revision to Notes 488 and 502 (CXS 192-1995)
11. Deletion of Note 301 from the provision for BENZOATES in FC 14.1.4 (CXS 192-1995)

12. Inclusion of riboflavin from *Ashbya gossypii* (INS 101(iv)) in the group header RIBOFLAVINS in Tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA (CXS 192-1995)

13. Revised food additive provisions of the GSFA in relation to the alignment of seven standards for CCMMP, three standards for CCPFV, six standards for CCNFSDU, one standard for CCAFRICA, one standard for CCEURO, and one set of guidelines for CCNFSDU (CXS 192- 1995)

14. Revisions to the adopted provisions for sweeteners in different FCs (CXS 192-1995)

15. Revised food-additive sections of seven standards for CCMMP, three standards for CCPFV, six standards for CCNFSDU, one standard for CCAFRICA, one standard for CCEURO and one set of guidelines for CCNFSDU

Position: Burundi supports adoption of the final texts as presented by CCFA for final adoption except Inclusion of the provision for trisodium citrate (INS 331(iii)) in FC 01.1.1 in the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) (CXS 192-1995) and Inclusion of the provisions for food additives in FC 14.2.3. However, the standard on inclusion of the provisions for food additives in FC 14.2.3 may be adopted if the part of provision that refers to OIV is deleted.

Rationale: Inclusion of the provision for trisodium citrate (INS 331(iii)) in FC 01.1.1 in the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) (CXS 192-1995 – The use of additives in this category is not acceptable. The justification provided for use of this additive is not convincing and has the potential of misleading the consumers on the true nature of the product. Burundi notes that UHT processing of milk has been done over years without the need to use any additives for stabilization. Further, Burundi notes the reservation of some its members during CCFA53. Inclusion of the provisions for food additives in FC 14.2.3 – The note “The maximum level of the additive in grape wine set as Good Manufacturing Practice must not result in (i) the modification of the natural and essential characteristics of the wine and (ii) a substantial change in the composition of the wine. Some Codex Members further specify the use to be consistent with the Code of Oenological Practice of the International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV)” introduces additional requirements from OIV whose membership does not include all Codex members raising concern of equal participation during development of the limits. It is also worth noting that similar proposal of referencing additives in wines to OIV had been rejected by CCFA (REP17/FA Para 94 – 101 of CCFA49). Further, CCEXEC75 in providing guidance to CCNFSDU on referencing of document external to Codex, advised that concepts and technical information could be incorporated into the text of the standard itself, rather than referencing sources external to Codex (REP18/EXEC2-Rev1 Para 14 (c)). The Executive noted that referencing of external documents was also common in other Committee and committed to offer guidance (REP18/EXEC2-Rev1 Para 17). This advice was re-affirmed during CCEXEC77 (REP19/EXEC 2 Para 11).

Proposals to undertake new work or revise a standard.

1. Proposals for new food additive provisions of the GSFA
2. Priority List of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA.

Position: Burundi supports the adoption of these new work by CCFA.

Rationale: The proposed new work items are consistent with the scope of the committee of ensuring safety of food additives and maintain GSFA.

Codex standards and related texts proposed for revocation.

Position: Burundi supports the revocation of the food additives provisions as provided.

Rationale: The justification is based on systematic review and recommendations by JECFA as well as identified inconsistencies by the Codex Secretariat during updating of GSFA. New technical information has been provided by JECFA in line with the procedures.

Agenda Item 4.8 (CX/CAC 23/45/10 & CX/CAC 23/45/10 Add.1)

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption at Step 5/8

1. An ML of 0.15 mg/kg for lead in soft brown, raw, and non-centrifugal sugars for adoption at Step 5/8;

2. An ML of 0.02 mg/kg for lead in ready-to-eat meals for infants and young children for adoption at Step 8
3. A Code of practice for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products to CAC46 for adoption at Step 8
4. Sampling plans for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children for adoption at Step 5/8
5. An ML of 20 µg/kg for aflatoxin in chili pepper and nutmeg (dry/dried) for adoption at Step 5/8.
6. An ML 20 µg/kg for OTA in chili pepper, paprika and nutmeg (dry/dried) for adoption at Step 5/8.

Position: Burundi supports the adoption of the six (6) standards and text presented by CCCF presented for final adoption at steps 5/8 and 8

Agenda Item 4.9 (CX/CAC 23/45/11 & CX/CAC 23/45/11 Add.1)

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption at Step 5/8

1) GUIDELINES ON RECOGNITION AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIVALENCE OF NATIONAL FOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS (NFCS)

2) PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF REMOTE AUDIT AND INSPECTION IN REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

Position: Burundi supports the adoption of Guidelines on Recognition and Maintenance of Equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS) and the Principles and Guidelines on the Use of Remote Audit and Inspection in Regulatory Frameworks at Step 5/8 by CAC46.

Rationale: The Committee has taken into consideration the technical comments raised during committee stage with text providing practical guidance for recognition and remote audits.

Proposals for new work/revision

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF PRINCIPLES FOR TRACEABILITY/PRODUCT TRACING AS A TOOL WITHIN A FOOD INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (CXG 60-2006)

Position: Burundi supports the revision of the Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System

Rationale: To ensure that the principles are aligned to the current and emerging regulatory and industry good practices and advances in technology.

Agenda Item 4.10 (CX/CAC 23/45/12 & CX/CAC 23/45/12 Add.1)

Codex Committee on Food Labelling

Standards and related texts submitted for adoption at Step 5

1. REVISION TO THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR THE LABELLING OF PRE-PACKAGED FOODS (CXG 1-1985): PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO ALLERGEN LABELLING

Position: Burundi supports the adoption of standard at Step 5.

Rationale: The adoption of agreed text will enable the committee to progress discussions on the remaining parts in square brackets in next session without the need of opening discussion on areas where agreements has been reached and facilitate fast conclusion of the standard to address the concerns.

2. GUIDELINES ON THE PROVISION OF FOOD INFORMATION FOR PRE-PACKAGED FOODS TO BE OFFERED VIA E-COMMERCE

Position: Burundi supports adoption of the guidelines on the Provision of Food Information for Prepackaged Foods to be Offered via E-Commerce at Step 5

Rationale: Fast conclusion of the guidelines on the Provision of Food Information for Pre-packaged Foods to be Offered via E-Commerce will be important in facilitating e-commerce which is fast gaining traction globally. This will also effectively position Codex text as relevant in facilitating trade and protecting the consumers.

3. GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE FOOD INFORMATION

Position: Burundi supports adoption of the guidelines on the on the Use of Technology to Provide Food Information at Step 5

Rationale: These guidelines will provide an opportunity for manufacturers to provide additional information about the products which is currently limited by the space. The final publication of the will ensure relevance of Codex text in the ever changing technology environment

New project proposal:

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR THE LABELLING OF PRE-PACKAGED FOODS (CXS 1-1985): LABELLING OF PRE-PACKAGED FOODS IN JOINT PRESENTATION AND MULTIPACK FORMATS

Position: Burundi supports adoption of the new work by CAC46.

Agenda Item 4.11 (CX/CAC 23/45/13 & CX/CAC 23/45/13 Add.1)

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption at Step 5/8

1) METHODS OF ANALYSIS/PERFORMANCE CRITERIA/SAMPLING PLANS FOR PROVISIONS IN CODEX STANDARDS (CXS 234–1999, CXS 193-1995)

2) REVISED GENERAL GUIDELINES ON SAMPLING (CXG 50-2004)

Position: Burundi supports the revisions of fats and oils methods as recommended by CCMAS42 and the revised guidelines on sampling (CXG 50-2004) for final adoption at Step 8 by CAC46.

Rationale: The methods of analysis/performance criteria/sampling plans are internationally validated that meet the required performance criteria, making them invaluable tools for assessing the quality and safety of fats and oils products. The revised General Guidelines on Sampling has enhanced practical applicability and the theoretical concepts therein have also been simplified.

Codex Standards and related texts proposed for revocation

1) METHODS OF ANALYSIS FOR PROVISIONS IN CODEX STANDARDS (CXS 234–1999)

2) GENERAL METHODS OF ANALYSIS FOR CONTAMINANTS (CXS 228- 2001)

Position: Burundi supports revocation of CXS 234-1999 and CXS 228-2001 and endorses the listing of all methods in CXS 234-1999 and other recommended methods of analysis.

Agenda Item 4.12 (CX/CAC 23/45/14 & CX/CAC 23/45/14 Add. 1)

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

1) Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption at Step 5/8

1) MRLs FOR DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF PESTICIDE/COMMODITY(IES)

2) REVISION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED (CXA 4-1989) AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES AND GUIDANCE ON THE SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMODITIES FOR THE EXTRAPOLATION OF MRLS FOR PESTICIDES TO COMMODITY GROUPS (CXG 84-2012) (COMPLETION OF CLASS B - PRIMARY COMMODITIES OF ANIMAL ORIGIN AND CLASS E – PROCESSED COMMODITIES OF ANIMAL ORIGIN AND CORRESPONDING TABLE 9 AND TABLE 10 OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMODITIES)

Position: Burundi supports the adoption, at Step 5/8, of the proposed MRLs for the different pesticides/commodities combinations as provided in REP23/PR54, Appendix II and the Revised Classification of

Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989) and Consequential Amendment to the Principles and guidance on the selection of representative commodities for the extrapolation of MRLs for pesticides to commodity groups.

Rationale: The JMPR 2022 evaluation report shows that the estimated long term (based on the 17 GEMs cluster diets) and short term dietary intake for the compounds submitted by CCPR for approval do not exceed the health based guidance values and therefore unlikely to pose public health concerns.

Additionally, data for the crops are comparable and can be extrapolated to the subgroup to facilitate trade in these commodities. Also, the proposed animal grouping (fresh and processed) with the representative commodities will allow the extrapolation MRLs for the commodities within the groups and subgroups. The representative commodities are commercially important and have similar residue characteristics to the other commodities in the group and subgroup.

Standards and related texts submitted for adoption at Step 5

1) CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CXLs FOR PEPPERS GROUPS/SUBGROUPS TO COVER OKRA, MARTYNNIA AND ROSELLE

2) CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED (CXA 4- 1989) (REVISED DEFINITIONS FOR THE PORTION OF THE COMMODITY TO WHICH MRLs APPLY AND WHICH IS ANALYZED FOR GROUP 006 – ASSORTED TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL FRUITS OF INEDIBLE PEEL AND GROUP 023 – OILSEEDS AND OILFRUITS)

3) CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE:

- **CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED (CXA 4-1989) (ADDITIONAL COMMODITY GROUPS IN CLASS A – PRIMARY FOOD COMMODITIES OF PLANT ORIGIN AND CLASS D – PROCESSED COMMODITIES OF PLANT ORIGIN; AND**

- **PRINCIPLES AND GUIDANCE ON THE SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMODITIES FOR THE EXTRAPOLATION OF MRLS TO COMMODITY GROUPS (CXG 84-2012) (REVISED GROUP 12C – EGGPLANT AND EGGPLANT-LIKE COMMODITIES, TABLE 2)**

Position: Burundi supports the approval of the consequential amendments in 1, 2 and 3 above.

Rationale: The consequential amendment to the CXLs for peppers groups/subgroups to cover okra, martynia and roselle is a pragmatic risk management decision taken in the interim to support international trade while more data is generated to allow a more robust assessment by JMPR. The data for the crops are comparable and can be extrapolated to the sub group to benefit commodities with limited trials. In addition, the portion of the commodity to which MRLs apply (and is analyzed) is enforced on the basis of the commodity as it is traded.

Codex standards and related texts proposed for revocation

1) 178 CXLs FOR 18 PESTICIDES/COMMODITIES COMBINATIONS ARE PROPOSED FOR REVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN REP23/PR54, APPENDIX III.

2) GUIDELINES ON PORTION OF COMMODITIES TO WHICH MRLS APPLY AND WHICH IS ANALYZED (CXG 41-1993)

Position: Burundi supports revocation of the different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) as proposed by CCPR54 (REP23/PR54-Appendix III) as well as the revocation of Guidelines on Portion of Commodities to Which MRLs Apply and Which is Analyzed (CXG 41-1993)

Rationale: These are CXLs that have been replaced based on review of additional data and their use no longer supported. Furthermore, the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989) should be the single, authoritative reference of food and feed for the establishment of MRLs for pesticides.

Work proposed for discontinuation

MRLs FOR DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF PESTICIDE/COMMODITY(IES) WITHDRAWN FROM THE STEP PROCEDURE

Position: Burundi supports the discontinuation of MRLs for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) from the Step procedure.

Proposals for new work

1) PRIORITY LIST OF PESTICIDES FOR EVALUATION BY JMPR

2) DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE FOR MONITORING THE STABILITY AND PURITY OF REFERENCE MATERIALS AND RELATED STOCK SOLUTIONS OF PESTICIDES DURING PROLONGED STORAGE

Position: Burundi supports the approval of the priority list of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR as well as the development of the guidance for monitoring the stability and purity of reference materials and related stock solutions of pesticides during prolonged storage.

Rationale: There is need for evaluation or continued evaluation of MRLs for the different pesticides/commodity(ties) combinations to facilitate trade in safe food commodities. In addition, the identified compounds meet the prioritization criteria of being registered in some countries and there is proof of both residue and toxicological data submission. Other compounds are listed for periodic review in accordance with the 15-year rule.

Other issue for endorsement

REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE JOINT CCPR/CCRVDF EWG ON ESTABLISHMENT OF HARMONIZED/SINGLE MRLs FOR COMPOUNDS WITH DUAL USE

Position: Burundi supports the revision of the ToRs for the Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG on establishment of harmonized/single MRLs for compounds with dual use.

Rationale: Continued work of the Joint EWG between CCRVDF and CCPR with the suggested Co-Chairs facilitates the establishment of single/harmonized MRLs for edible animal tissues for compounds with dual use with wider participation of Codex Members.

Agenda Item 4.14 (CX/CAC 23/45/16 & CX/CAC 23/45/16 Add.1)

Codex Committee on General Principles

Proposals submitted for approval.

1. REVIEW OF THE PROCEDURES IN SECTION 3 OF THE PM, GUIDELINES FOR SUBSIDIARY BODIES

2. ISSUING OF A CIRCULAR LETTER SOLICITING PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERS ON INCONSISTENCIES IN LANGUAGE, AND SUPERSEDED CONTENT OF THE PM, APART FROM SECTION 3

Position: Burundi supports the approvals as requested by CCGP

Rationale: Digitalization of the Codex procedural manual will improve the usability of the manual while making its update easy.

Agenda Item 4.15 (CX/CAC 23/45/17 & CX/CAC 23/45/17 Add.1)

Draft MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride in cattle liver, kidney and muscle

Position: Burundi supports the final adoption of the MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride set by JECFA in cattle as follows:

- 0.5 µg/kg for beef muscle
- 3.5 µg/kg for liver
- 3.3 µg/kg for kidney African

Rationale: Burundi is in agreement with the science-based and progressive approach to the resolution of the issue of zilpaterol hydrochloride and the robust risk assessment of JECFA recognized by all and concerning cattle muscle, kidney and liver

Agenda Item 5 (CX/CAC 23/46/18)

Editorial amendments to Codex texts proposed by the Codex Secretariat

Position: Burundi has no comment

Rationale: The document was not available when national consultation done.

Agenda Item 6 (CX/CAC 23/46/19)

Position: Burundi has no comment

Rationale: The document was not available when national consultation done.

Agenda Item 7 (CX/CAC 23/45/20)

Reports from the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees

Position: Burundi has no comment

Rationale: The document was not available when national consultation done.

Agenda Item 8 (CX/CAC 22/45/21)

Application of the Statements of Principle concerning the role of science in the Codex decision-making process and the extent to which other factors are taken into account (SoP)

Position: Burundi supports the use of footnotes, the option of not extending the guidance document to cover new work proposals and the current framing of Other Legitimate Factors (OLFs) in the draft guidance. Burundi further supports discontinuation of work on the draft guidance pending feedback from Chairpersons of Committees and Members on their experience with the application of the guidance and inclusion of the draft guidance in the existing Codex Chairperson's Handbook and any future handbook for delegates.

Rationale: The use of footnotes is already an agreeable mechanism in Codex and the Commission already has well established criteria and procedures for considering concerns about OLFs as part of its critical review. The draft guidance reflects current understanding and application of Criteria for the consideration of other factors referred to in the second statement of principle and the Risk Analysis Principles for Application within the framework of Codex Alimentarius. More experience on the use of the guidance will aid in future conclusion and inclusion of the draft guidance in the existing Codex Chairperson's Handbook and any future handbook for delegates will support Members in using and applying the guidance.

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