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REVISION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED: IMPACT OF THE REVISED CLASS C – PRIMARY ANIMAL FEED COMMODITIES AND CLASS D – PROCESSED FOOD COMMODITIES OF PLANT ORIGIN ON CODEX MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS FOR PESTICIDES (CXLs)

Comments submitted by Canada, European Union, Ghana and Kenya

Canada

BACKGROUND

- CCPR has previously agreed that “no changes would be made to existing CXLs until such time as the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) reviews were completed as per current procedures for the establishment of Codex schedules and priority list of pesticides. The Committee agreed that the same approach would be taken when reviewing other commodity groups in the database following the adoption of revised commodity groups in the Classification”.
- To achieve the above, a specific CXL at the level of the old group-CLX for the relocated commodity will keep its existing CXL, and at the same time the commodity will be excluded from the new group-CXL. The exclusion of the CXL from the new group-CXL will be done in the column “notes”. After evaluation by JMPR, it may be appropriate to implement the CXL of the new (sub)group and withdraw the CXL of the old group.

CURRENT STATUS

- The EWG on the revision of the Classification have proposed the relocation of CXLs for commodities under Class C and Class D based on (i) the Terms of Reference agreed upon by CCPR50 for the revision of both classes; and (ii) the discussion, conclusions and recommendations provided under Agenda Items 7(a-d).
- An overview of the proposed changes in Class C and Class D are shown in Appendices I and II of CX/PR 19/51/10, along with a brief description of the changes.
- CCPR is invited to consider the revised Class D (Appendix I) taking into account the conclusions and recommendations in relation to the revision of Class C and Class D and the proposals for the transfer of processed commodities from Class D to Class C in the relevant working documents under Agenda Items 7(a-c)

Canada’s Position on the impact on existing CXL in the Codex Database as a result of changes to the classification of Class C and Class D

- As a member of the Electronic Working Group on the Revision of the Classification, Canada provided comments through this working group on the revisions to Class C and Class D.
- Canada is in agreement with the information provided in Appendix I (Class C) and Appendix II (Class D) which outlines what new commodity codes and new subgroup codes are required as a result of the revisions. In addition, the appendices identify the commodities that will be transferred from one group to another and the required revisions to their codes. There is limited impact on existing CXLs as for the majority of the commodities, no group or subgroup MRLs exist. The exception is hops where a specific CXL at the level of the old group will have to be set for this commodity but there are only 2 established CXLs that are relevant.

European Union***European Union Competence
European Union Vote***

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group (eWG) on the revision of the Classification of food and feed chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the draft on the revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds.

The EU would like to point out that the proposed adjustments to the commodities may have an impact on the database.

Ghana

Position: Ghana supports the proposal on the new codes. We also agree with the principle of transferring commodities across various groups.

Rationale: The transfer of commodities is based on the terms and reference agreed by CCPR50 for the revision of both classes.

Kenya

Comment: Kenya supports the proposal on the new codes. We also agree with the principle of transferring commodities across various groups, however, the criterion agreed upon for crop grouping may not be in compliance with the proposals for these commodities.

Rationale: This criterion is different from previously agreed guidance for classification and needs clarification. The discussion should take place after agreement with the criterion for crop grouping.