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Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

**FROM** Secretariat,  
Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

**SUBJECT** **MANAGEMENT OF UNSUPPORTED COMPOUNDS WITHOUT PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS  
SCHEDULED FOR PERIODIC REVIEW  
Request for comments**

**DEADLINE** **20 September 2020**

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## BACKGROUND

1. See CX/PR 20/52/17<sup>1</sup>.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. In view of the rescheduling of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues from 2020 to 2021, Codex members and observers are invited to (i) provide their views on the conclusions in Appendix I of CX/PR 20/52/17 and (ii) provide replies to the attached questionnaire.
3. The questionnaire is based on the Terms of Reference (TORs) of the EWG with specific questions to facilitate the submission of comments. The objective of the questionnaire is not to decide on options 2b or 3 but to identify management options to operationalize these options. The decision on the most suitable option and the actions / activities necessary to operationalize any of them will be considered by CCPR52. Note that some actions / activities can be equally applied to both options such as capacity building activities, enhancement of the national registration database<sup>2</sup> (NRD) or the establishment of an e-forum to exchange data / information to support periodic reviews of pesticides.
4. The questionnaire in the Annex has been slightly expanded on the questionnaire<sup>3</sup> previously circulated within the EWG. Codex members and observers who already provided their replies as members of the EWG may wish to complement their responses for those sections that have been expanded.
5. Comment is also invited on the proposals for implementation of the two options described in Section II of Appendix I, especially changes that may be needed to documents and working practices / procedures in CCPR and its EWG/Priorities to better implement the management of unsupported compounds without public health concerns scheduled for periodic review by JMPR.

<sup>1</sup> Working documents for CCPR52 are available on the CCPR52 webpage at:  
<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=52>

<sup>2</sup> See Agenda Item 17

<sup>3</sup> CX/PR 52/20/17, Appendix II

6. Comments should be submitted in writing in conformity with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (see Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission) preferably in word file to facilitate their compilation and analysis.
7. Comments submitted in reply to this CL<sup>4</sup> will be considered by the Electronic Working Group established by CCPR51 in order to present a proposal(s) for consideration by CCPR52 in accordance with TOR(iv).

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<sup>4</sup> Circular letters are available on the Codex webpage/Circular Letters and can also be accessed from the CCPR website (related circular letters): <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en>  
<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-meetings/jp/?committee=CCPR>

**ANNEX**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Management of unsupported compounds without public health concerns scheduled for periodic review by JMPR**

CX/PR 20/52/17, Appendix I, Section I	Comments provided by Codex Member / Observer
<u>TOR (i) - Investigate the circumstances that lead to unsupported compounds without public health concerns and obstacles that prevent providing support</u>	
<u>Question 1</u> Which are the circumstances that leads to unsupported compounds without public health concerns scheduled for periodic review?	
<u>Question 2</u> Which are the obstacles that prevent providing support to these compounds?	
<u>Question 3</u> Are Codex members and observers sufficiently aware of what information and data are required to support the periodic review of a pesticide?	
<u>Question 4</u> 4.1 Are Codex members and observers sufficiently aware of the consequences of the lack of support for a pesticide scheduled for periodic review and its uses, especially the loss of CXLs.	
<u>TOR (ii) - Explore options for efficient data support</u>	
<u>Question 1</u> What kind of collaborative activities can efficiently be developed within the framework of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Codex,</li> <li>(b) FAO, WHO and other international organizations,</li> <li>(c) relevant government agencies (i.e. twinning activities between Codex members),</li> <li>(d) industry / trading companies, and</li> <li>(e) other relevant parties (if any)</li> </ul> to assist Codex members, currently lacking the capacity to independently support pesticides/uses important to their production systems, to provide the required data package for the JMPR periodic review?	

<p><b>Question 2</b></p> <p>2.1 Is there is any possibility to reduce the minimum data requirements for a JMPR periodic review of a pesticide without a registered public health concern?</p> <p>2.2 If so, what are the minimum data requirements that could be considered appropriate?</p>	
<p><u>TOR (iii) - Explore the advantages and challenges that arise from the options 2b and 3</u></p>	
<p><u>Option 2b: Only those CXLs for which there are registrations listed in the national registration database (NRD) will be retained</u></p>	
<p>Advantages</p>	
<p>Challenges</p>	
<p><u>Option 3: Codex members and observers are granted 4 years to fulfil the data requirements to maintain the CXLs. (i.e., 4-year rule). If members or observers are unable to address the data requirements, all CXLs are to be revoked</u></p>	
<p>Advantages</p>	
<p>Challenges</p>	
<p><b>CX/PR 20/52/17, Appendix I, Section II</b></p>	
<p><u>TOR (iv) - Comment is invited on the measures described in CX/PR/20/52/17 that may be required in order to implement Option 2b or Option 3.</u></p>	
<p><u>Option 2b:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Partial revision of the Risk Analysis Principles applied by CCPR<sup>5</sup> (including an outline of the changes needed)</li> <li>(b) Proper functioning of the national registration database<sup>6</sup> (NRD) (including a description of the elements to improve its functioning additional to those already agreed to by CCPR)</li> <li>(c) Other options (to be applied singly or in combination with one or more of the options above – please specify)</li> </ul>	

<sup>5</sup> Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual, Section II (Risk Analysis):

<sup>6</sup> REP19/PR, paras. 216-233

Option 3:

- (a) Enhanced presentation of the information on the schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR prepared by the EWG/Priorities relevant to the periodic review (including a description of such enhancements)
- (b) Enhanced practices in addition to those currently applied by the EWG/Priorities in the elaboration of the schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR relevant to the periodic review (including a description of such enhancements)
- (c) Capacity building activities to strengthen capacities in Codex members to enable them to meet the requirements of Option 3 (including a description of such activities)
- (d) Establish of a forum that allow Codex members to share data and/or information available to assist Codex members with difficulties to gather the required data to support the periodic review
- (e) Other options (to be applied singly or in combination with one or more of the options above – please specify)