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REVISION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED (CXA 4-1989): GROUP 023 OILSEEDS

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Matter for Consideration

1. The Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds, Group 023 Oilseeds, adopted by the CAC41 specifies The Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed) to be 'Unless otherwise specified, seed or kernels, **with shell or husk**'. Australia considers the specification '**with shell or husk**' is not what CCPR intended when the revision of Group 023 was adopted.

Background

2. The revision of Group 023 was close to completion at CCPR41 (2009) and the Committee advanced it to Step 5 (see Alinorm 09/32/24, Para. 146 and Appendix IX).
3. The CCPR42 (2010) further considered Group 023 and decided to retain the revised version at Step 7 until revision of the Classification was complete. At that stage, the relevant wording for Oilseeds was '**after removal of shell or husk**' (see Alinorm 10/33/24, Para. 96 and Appendix IX).
4. Group 023 was not discussed at CCPR43-CCPR48.
5. The CCPR49 (2017) noted that the revised Oilseeds group had been finalised and retained at Step 7. Therefore, any changes to the revised Group should only involve compilation and review to ensure consistency in terminology and code systems, location in relevant tables for representative commodities and the inclusion of additional commodities. (See REP 17/PR para 142)
6. The agenda paper for CCPR50 (2018) presented all the proposed revised commodity groups under Type 04 Nuts, seeds, and saps, for the Committee's consideration. (See CX/PR 18/50/6, Appendices I-IV). Appendix II provided the revised version for Group 023 Oilseeds. The Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed) was shown as 'Unless otherwise specified, seed or kernels, '**with shell or husk**'.
7. The Committee made no changes to the revision of Group 023 and agreed to advance the revised version to Step 8 (See REP 18/PR, Para.118 and Appendix VII, Part A).
8. The CAC41 adopted the revised version of Group 023 without change (See REP 18/CAC Appendix III).
9. There appears to be no record of discussion or agreement at CCPR between 2010 and 2018 to explain or justify the change from '**after removal of shell or husk**' to '**with shell or husk**'.
10. The inclusion of shell or husk is impractical and problematical for peanuts and other oilseeds. The inclusion of shell and husk in the portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies is out of step with the previous Codex Classification and other international guidance on the portion of the commodity which should be sampled for analysis in residue trials conducted to support MRL establishment.

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that the EWG on Revision of the Codex Classification and CCPR reconsider the portion to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed) for Group 023 Oilseeds.