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TO: Codex Contact Points
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

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

SUBJECT: **Request for comments on the recommendations for the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review**

DEADLINE: **10 May 2024**

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/PR 24/55/7¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to consider the recommendations on the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic reviews by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) as follows:
 - i. To revoke all CXLs for bitertanol, fenthion, and parathion methyl.
 - ii. For amitraz, to revoke all its CXLs, since no concerns were received. For the same reason, coordination with the CCRVDF is not considered necessary since said committee has not established MRLs for this compound. If a member later requests some CXLs for amitraz, that could be the case.
 - iii. To delete all CXLs for dinocap with the exceptions of those commodities for which CXLs exist for meptyldinocap, until the periodic review of meptyldinocap is carried out. Some inconsistencies in the CXLs database regarding dinocap in Fruiting vegetables, cucurbits (group) and cucumber should be addressed.
 - iv. To delete all CXLs for methamidophos with the exception of those in rice, hay and/or straw and rice, husked commodities, which CXLs were set because residues of methamidophos arises from acephate uses.
3. When replying on the points (i-iv), Codex members and observers are invited to take due account of the data/information provided under Section 3 – Key points of discussion in CX/PR 24/55/7.
4. Member countries and/or observer organizations who may wish to retain all or some to the above-mentioned compounds (or some of the CXLs under these compounds) should indicate their commitment to submit relevant data (and if possible, date on which such data would be available) in order to enable proper planning of periodic reviews by JMPR under Agenda Item 10 - Establishment of Codex schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation/re-evaluation by JMPR.
5. The recommendations are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS):
<https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>.
Comments provided through the OCS should follow the guidance provided in paragraphs 7-11.
6. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL² in order to facilitate the consideration of the recommendations at the upcoming CCPR.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/tr/?meeting=CCPR&session=55>

² <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCPR>

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
8. Contact Points of Codex members and observers may login to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting “Enter” in the “My reviews” page, available after login to the system.
9. Contact Points of Codex members and observers’ organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)³.
10. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁴.
11. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

³ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>