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Comments on Report on 2015 JMPR responses to specific concerns, submitted by China, European Union and African Union

China

China appreciates the hard efforts made and enormous work accomplished by JMPR experts and the Secretariat and hopes that the JMPR could continue optimizing relevant guidelines and guides, so as to promote a more science-based and uniform Codex MRL setting process and provide valuable and robust reference for pesticide management and standard-setting authorities of countries.

European Union

European Union Competence

European Union Vote

3.1.1 Buprofezin (173)

The EU confirms its 2015 reservation to the advancement of the proposed draft MRL for the following commodity:

-coffee beans

Aniline should be considered for the hazard characterisation and exposure assessment.

3.1.2 Fenpropathrin (185)

No comment.

3.1.3 Imazamox (276)

The EU reserves its position, pending the outcome of the ongoing periodic re-evaluation in the EU.

3.1.4 Methidathion (51)

The EU would like to comment that the anticipation of the periodic review is strongly supported.

3.1.5 Propiconazole (160)

See comments under agenda item 6.

3.2.1.1 Other matters of interest: bentazone (172)

The EU welcomes JMPR's recommendation to re-evaluate bentazone with regard to the need to establish an ARfD.

3.2.1.2 Other matters of interest: dichlorvos (25)

The EU would like to comment that it has a different policy as regards the consideration of human studies to derive toxicological reference values.

(3.2)/Annex 7 Other matters of interest: glyphosate (158), malathion (049) and diazinon (022)

The EU welcomes the recommendation of the WHO expert task force that JMPR discuss and consider the re-evaluation of the active substances diazinon, malathion and glyphosate.

African Union**Background:**

Buprofezin: Concerns were raised on the possibility of the formation of toxicologically significant aniline during coffee processing.

Propiconazole: Concerns were raised on the lack of MRL for wheat oats and barley.

Fenpropathrin: The 2014 JMPR meeting could not make recommendations for MRLs for raspberry because no trial matched the US GAP for cranberry.

Imazamox: Concerns were raised on whether or not an acute reference dose was necessary based on malformation reports in a developmental toxicity study.

Methidathion: Concerns were raised with respect to short term dietary exposure above the acute reference dose.

Position for Buprofezin:

AU has noted the position of the 2015 JMPR that as there are different sources of aniline, aniline could be considered as a contaminant therefore aniline could be considered by the Joint Expert Committee on Food Contaminants (JECFA).

Position for Propiconazole:

AU has noted the position of the 2015 JMPR. The specific comments on the proposed MRLs are provided in Agenda 6 (Draft and proposed draft maximum residue limits for pesticides in food and feed at steps 7 and 4).

Position for Fenpropathrin:

AU has noted the position of the 2015 JMPR that a recommendation could not be made for MRLs based on the residue data provided.

Position for Imazamox:

AU has noted the position of the 2015 JMPR as being consistent with its practice to establish an acute reference dose based on malformation.

Position for Methidathion:

AU has noted the position of the 2015 JMPR that a call for data was appropriate further noting that this compound was no longer supported by the manufacturer.