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PROPOSED TABLES ON EXAMPLES OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMODITIES FOR COMMODITY GROUPS IN DIFFERENT TYPES UNDER CLASS C – PRIMARY ANIMAL FEED COMMODITIES AND CLASS D – PROCESSED FOOD COMMODITIES OF PLANT ORIGIN

(For inclusion in the *Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the
Extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides to Commodity Groups (CXG 84-2012)*)

(AT STEP 3)

Comments submitted at Step 3 in reply to CL 2019/03-PR
submitted by European Union, Kenya and Thailand

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 proposed draft on the revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds.

The EU understands the difficulties to identify a representative crop for several groups, due to the broad diversity within crops. In addition, the EU has recommendations on the individual tables, as outlined below.

Table 7

The EU proposes to select the representative commodities for the feed items in line with the ones applicable to Group 020, as follows:

- "Forage of wheat or barley" for the group of "forage of wheat and barley and similar grains and grasses (including pseudocereals)";
- "Forage of Rice" for the group of "forage of rice cereals";
- "Forage of sorghum Grain" for the group of "forage of sorghum grain and millet";
- "Forage of maize" for the group of "forage of maize cereals and sweet corn";
- "Hay or straw of wheat or barley" for the group of "hay or straw of wheat and barley and similar grains and grasses (including pseudocereals)";
- "Hay or straw of Rice" for the group of "hay or straw of rice cereals";
- "Hay or straw of sorghum Grain" for the group of "hay or straw of sorghum grain and millet".

The EU proposes to include "Alfalfa" in the list of the proposed representative commodities within Group 50A (products of legume feeds with high water).

Table 8

The EU can agree with the created subgroups and their representative crops in dried herbs and milling fractions analogous to the groups in primary food commodities of plant origin.

The EU proposes to increase flexibility within the footnote for representative crops for processed products in Class D to also be able to use a representative raw commodity in Class A. The relevant footnote could be re-drafted as follows:

"It is not possible to set a group-CXL for this group because of the broad diversity of crops. However, when a group contains a number of processed commodities originating from raw commodities from one (sub)group in Class A (primary food commodities), the representative commodity from that (sub)group in Class A can be used as a representative crop for the corresponding commodities in processed form."

Kenya

Comment: Kenya supports the proposal to replace the term fodder with a more specific term such as hay, straw and silage. We also support the proposal to create a group in class c that would include processed feed commodities of plant origin, such as pomace, pulps, molasses, meal, cannery waste. We seek further clarification of the term "by product" that has been included.

Rationale: the proposed changes are in line with the current practices for setting MRLs for most of these commodities traded as primary feed commodities of plant origin. "by products" should be clearly defined to determine the commodities to be included under this proposed subgroup.

Thailand

We would like to provide comments as follows;

Specific Comments

Refer to CX/PR 19/51/9 table 8 examples of the selection of representative commodities, page no.5, group 065 Cereal grain milling fractions, the column of examples of representative commodities presented sweet corn. However, row no.7, column of extrapolation to the following commodities does not specify sweet corn. Should sweet corn be added in subgroup of Maize Cereals?