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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:

- (i) Maximum residue limits for pesticides in food and food (At Step 5/8).
- (ii) Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989):
 - Class C: Primary feed commodities and Table 7: Examples of representative commodities for Class C (At Step 5/8).
 - Class D: Processed foods of plant origin and Table 8: Examples of representative commodities for Class D (At Step 5/8).
- (iii) Guidelines for Compounds for Low Public Health Concern that may be exempted from the Establishment of CXLs or do not give rise to residues (At Step 5).

DEADLINE: 5 November 2021

BACKGROUND

1. See <u>REP21/PR</u>, paragraphs 163, 170, 173 and 194 as well as Appendices II, VII, VIII and XII.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

 The above-mentioned appendices are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <u>https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/</u>.

Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments as per the guidance below.

- 3. Comments should address whether the MRLs for pesticides in food/feed, the revised Class C and D and corresponding Tables 7 and 8 and the Guidelines for compounds for low public concern that may be exempted from the establishment of CXLs or do not give rise to residues are ready for adoption or not; and if not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption. Comments should be provided in conformity with the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (Part 3 Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts), Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
- 4. In addition, an inconsistency has been noticed between the MRLs listed in Annex 1 and the corresponding appraisal of the compound in the report of the JMPR 2019 extraordinary meeting which has been inadvertently carried over into Appendix II of REP21/PR as follows:

Metaflumizone (236)

Mammalian fats (except milk fats)

- Annex I: 0.6 mg/kg (as currently shown in REP21/PR, Appendix II)
- Appraisal: 0.15 mg/kg (to replace the corresponding MRL in REP21/PR, Appendix II)

Milk Fats

- Annex I: 0.7 mg/kg (as currently shown in REP21/PR, Appendix II)
- Appraisal: 0.6 mg/kg (to replace the corresponding MRL in REP21/PR, Appendix II)
- 5. Codex members are kindly invited to consider recommending (i) the adoption of the MRLs of 0.15 mg/kg and 0.6 mg/kg for mammalian fats (except milk fats) and milk fats respetively at Step 5/8 or (ii) the return of these MRLs to CCPR53 for further consideration.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

- 6. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).
- 9. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <u>http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/</u>.
- 10. For questions on the OCS, please contact <u>Codex-OCS@fao.org</u>.