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CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

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MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 41ST SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

I. Matters for Information

Adoption of standards and related texts

Maximum residue limits for pesticides/commodity combinations

1. CAC41 (2018) adopted draft and proposed draft MRLs for pesticides/commodity combinations at Step 8 and 5/8 (with omission of Steps 6/7) noting the reservations of the European Union supported by Norway and Switzerland for the reasons provided in CX/CAC 18/41/4.¹

Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXM 4-1989)

2. CAC41 adopted revisions to the Classification as follows:

- Type 04 – Nuts, seeds and saps and corresponding Table 4 on examples of representative commodities for groups under this type for inclusion in the *Principles and guidance for the selection of representative commodities for the extrapolation of maximum residue limits for pesticides for commodity groups* (CXG 84-2012)
- Type 05 – Herbs and spices and corresponding Table 5 on examples of representative commodities for groups under this type for inclusion in the *Principles and guidance for the selection of representative commodities for the extrapolation of maximum residue limits for pesticides for commodity groups* (CXG 84-2012)

Revocation of maximum residue limits for pesticides

3. CAC41 revoked a number of CXLs for pesticide/commodity combinations following the adoption of revised MRLs for pesticides.²

Discontinuation of work

4. CAC41 noted discontinuation of work on a number of proposed draft and draft MRLs for pesticide / commodity combinations in the Step Procedure.³

Approval of new work

5. CCPR50 approved the priority list of pesticides for evaluation by the FAO/WHO Joint Meetings on Pesticide Residues (JMPPR) in 2018.⁴

6. The Committee is invited to **note** the information provided in paragraphs 1-5.

¹ REP18/CAC, para. 47, Appendix III

² REP18/CAC, Appendix V

³ REP17/CAC, Appendix VII

⁴ REP18/CAC, Appendix VI

II. Matters for action

Endocrine-disrupting substances in foods

7. CAC41 noted⁵:

- (i) the issue raised by India in CRD4 relating to pesticides as endocrine disruptors;
- (ii) that CCPR50 could not recommend new work as the issue was broad and went beyond the mandate of the Committee but noted that India could raise the concern directly as a Member of CAC; and
- (iii) that India had revised its proposal based on the discussion at CCPR50 and could resubmit the proposal to the Committee as the relevant technical body.

8. The Committee is invited to **consider** this issue.

MATTERS ARISING FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

I. Matters for Information

75TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Coordination of work between the Committee on Pesticide Residues and the Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods– Definition of animal tissues

9. CCEXEC75 (2018) made a joint recommendation to CCPR and CCRVDF that the Electronic Working Group on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CCPR), in addition to its existing terms of reference, work closely with the Electronic Working Group on the Definition of Animal Tissues (CCRVDF) to develop a harmonized definition that would facilitate the establishment of MRLs for pesticides and veterinary drugs for compounds with dual uses.⁶

10. This matter will be considered under Agenda Item 7(g). Information on coordination of work between JECFA/JMPR and CCRVDF/CCPR is also provided under Agenda Item 4.

6TH SESSION OF THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL CODEX TASK FORCE ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

11. TFAMR06 (2018) agreed to continue with the revision of the *Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance* (CXC 61-2005) as well as the development of *Guidelines for the monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance*. Both texts address foodborne AMR along the food chain and will take into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meeting (in collaboration with OIE) on foodborne AMR: Role of environment, crops and biocides. The Task Force further agreed that biocides is excluded from the scope of the code and the guidelines.⁷

12. The Committee is invited to **note** the information provided in paragraph 11.

⁵ REP18/CAC, para. 153

⁶ REP18/EXEC2-Rev.1, paras. 27 - 28

⁷ REP18/AMR