



Through this Update the Pesticide Management Group wishes to inform you on new publications, reports and upcoming events deriving from its work. Any feedback that you may wish to provide on this issue and throughout 2008 as well is welcomed.

We look forward to continue the fruitful dialogue with all of you in order to strengthen the information exchange in support of the sound management of pesticides. Please send your comments, input, suggestions and any questions to Pesticide-Management@fao.org.

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Information Now Available On-Line-

1) Pesticide Management

Guidelines in support of the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides

We are pleased to inform you that 3 new Guidelines in support of the implementation of the *International Code of Conduct for the Distribution and Use of Pesticides* are now available on the web.

- [*Guidelines on the Management Options for Empty Containers \(New guideline\) May 2008*](#)
- [*Guidelines on monitoring and observance of the revised version of the Code of Conduct \(French version \), March 2008*](#)
- [*Guidelines on Efficacy evaluation of the registration of plant protection products \(Arabic version \) March 2008*](#)

Click [here](#) to access the FAO web site on Management of Pesticides, where you will be able to download all the guidelines available in support of the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

2) Pesticide Residues

The 40th Session Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) was held in Hangzhou, P.R. China from 14 to 19 April 2008. The Session was attended by 227 delegates representing 58 member countries, 1 member organization and 8 international organizations.

A total of 47 compounds with 421 MRLs were discussed, among these latter, 29 compounds with 286 MRLs were recommended for advancement; 95 CXLs were revoked, and 13 pesticides with 40 MRLs were proposed for withdrawal.

Several new proposals were raised and discussed at the meeting, including the issue of minor/specialty crop, and globally harmonized MRLs through Codex by developing a process for the evaluation of new chemicals to allow JMPR to recommend MRLs before national governments.

The Report of the 40th Session CCPR and relevant documents are available on the web.

Click [here](#) to access the FAO Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment web site.

Click [here](#) to access the Codex Alimentarius web page

Download:

- [***Report of the 40th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues***](#)

3) Pesticide Specifications

7th FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Specifications

In cooperation with WHO, FAO will hold the 7th FAO/WHO JMPS in Braunschweig, Germany, from 4 to 9 June 2008. The revised 2008 programme for the development of FAO and WHO specifications for pesticides is now available on the web:

In total, the JMPS will evaluate 20 pesticides, 10 by FAO, 3 by WHO and 7 will be jointly evaluated.

On 9 June 2008, in cooperation with the Collaborative International Pesticide Analytical Council (CIPAC) the Fifth Joint CIPAC/FAO/WHO Open Meeting will take place in Braunschweig, open to everybody who wishes to attend.

Click [here](#) to link to the CIPAC website.

FAO/WHO Consultation on Development of a Training Manual on Development and Use of Pesticide Specifications

A FAO/WHO consultation on development of a training manual on development and use of pesticide specifications was held at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland from 7 to 9 March 2008. The Training Manual will provide an introduction to the principles and practices of defining acceptable quality and equivalence of pesticides, to assist both government and industry to strengthen the underlying procedures required for quality control of pesticides.

Download:

- [***2008 Programme for the development of FAO and WHO specifications for pesticides***](#)
- [***Agenda of the Fifth Joint CIPAC/FAO/WHO Open Meeting***](#)

Specifications

FAO is publishing specifications for pesticides and their related formulations based on the recommendations made at the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Specifications (JMPS). Click [here](#) to access the FAO publications for Pesticides.

Latest specifications published in March, April and May 2008:

- [***Chlorothalonil***](#)
- [***Clodinafop-propargyl***](#)
- [***Flusilazole***](#)
- [***Lufenuron***](#)
- [***Oxamyl***](#)
- [***Spinosad***](#)

4) Upcoming events

- Fifth Joint CIPAC/FAO/WHO Open Meeting (52nd CIPAC Meeting and 7th JMPS Meeting) - Braunschweig, Germany, 5-13 June 2008 (Click [here](#) to link to FAO Pesticide Management Pesticide Specifications and Quality Control Standards web site)

- Joint Meeting of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment and the WHO Core Assessment Group on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) – Rome, Italy, 9-18 September 2008

- Second FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Management and Fourth Meeting of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management, Geneva, Switzerland, 6-10 October 2008.

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