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CRITICAL REVIEW - PART II¹

Note: For general information about the critical review and the critical review for CCCF18, please see CX/EXEC 25/89/3. For the critical review for CCNE12, please see CX/EXEC 25/89/3-Add.2.

Structure of appendices

1. The work of the different committees is addressed in separate appendices.
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¹ This document addresses the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) and the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA).

A. General information on the committee and session

Committee	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)		
Host	China	Chairperson	Dr Weili Shan
Co-host	Chile	Co-Chairperson	Mr Eduardo Aylwin
		Vice-Chairperson	Dr Duan Lifang
Session reported on	CCPR56	8-13 September 2025	
Next session	CCPR57	2026, dates TBC	
Report	REP25/PR		

B. Status of work items (Overview)

Existing work item(s) for decision by the Commission (adoption, revocation, discontinuation)							
Topic	Job number	Target year	Recommendation of the committee	Status of endorsement (where applicable)	Scientific advice (Available, on track, delayed, or N/A)	Reference	Explanatory notes (if any)
1. Maximum residue limits (MRLs) for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies)	-	-	Adoption at Step 5/8	-	Available	REP25/PR, Paragraph 217(i)(a) and Appendix III	-
2. Guidelines for monitoring the stability and purity of reference materials and related stock solutions of pesticides during prolonged storage	N07-2023	2026	Adoption at Step 8	-	N/A	REP25/PR, Paragraph 234 and Appendix VII	CCPR56 agreed to refer to the methods in Approach 3 as Method 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3. Further editorial amendments were consequentially made to refer to the methods in Approach 1 as Method 1.1 and 1.2 to ensure consistency.
3. Editorial amendments to Section 4.8 of the Risk analysis principles applied by the Codex	-	-	Adoption	-	N/A	REP25/PR, Paragraph 18(vi) and	This is included in CX/CAC 25/48/2 Rev.1, which covers proposed

Committee on Pesticide Residues in the Codex <i>Procedural Manual</i>						Appendix II Part 1	amendments to the <i>Codex Procedural Manual</i> .
4. Correction to the definition of 'fat' in the <i>Classification of food and feed</i> (CXA 4-1989)	-	-	Adoption	-	N/A	REP25/PR, Paragraph 18(vi) and Appendix II Part 2	This correction will ensure that the descriptor for fat between CCRVDF and CCPR are aligned, and ensure consistency with the decision taken at CCPR53 and adopted at CAC45.
5. Codex MRLs (CXLs) for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies)	-	-	Revocation	-	N/A	REP25/PR, Paragraph 217(i)(b), 239(i) and Appendix IV	-
6. MRLs for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) that were withdrawn (discontinued) from the step procedure	-	-	Discontinuation	-	N/A	REP25/PR, Paragraph 217(ii)(a) and Appendix V	-

Chairperson's comments on specific work items(s) from the above in light of the purpose of the critical review

CCPR56 demonstrated its productivity by forwarding 340 pesticide MRLs for different commodity/pesticide combinations to CAC48 for adoption at Step 5/8, alongside the revocation of 351 existing CXLs and discontinuation of MRLs in the Step Procedure. The committee also agreed to forward the "Guidelines for monitoring the stability and purity of pesticide reference materials and stock solutions during prolonged storage" to CAC48 for adoption.

No sensitive issues were identified concerning these matters.

New work proposal for approval by the Commission

Topic	Target year	Recommendation of the committee	Scientific advice (Available, on track, delayed, or N/A)	Reference	Explanatory notes (if any)
7. Priority list of pesticides for evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR)	-	Approval	On track	REP25/PR, Paragraph 279(i-ii) and Appendix VIII	-

Chairperson's comments on specific new work proposal(s) in light of the purpose of the critical review						
According to the Codex procedures, establishing a Priority list of pesticides is the first step in elaborating MRLs. No sensitive issues were identified regarding this topic.						
Monitoring						
Topic	Job number	Target year	Status (Step)	On track for completion?	Reference	Explanatory notes (if any)
8. MRLs for different combinations of pesticide/commodity(ies) retained by CCPR, awaiting further assessment from JMPR	-	-	4 or 7	Yes	REP25/PR, Paragraphs 217(ii)(b) and 239(ii) and Appendix VI	-
9. Examine carbaryl (008); methyl bromide (052); disulfoton (074); flumethrin (195); and ethoxyquin (035) using the internal management of unsupported compounds without public health concerns scheduled for periodic review approach	-	-	-	Yes	REP25/PR, Paragraph 254(i-ii)	For carbaryl (008); methyl bromide (052); disulfoton (074); and flumethrin (195), these were scheduled for periodic review in 2026, but no confirmation of support or commitment for data had been provided. For ethoxyquin (035), insufficient toxicological data were submitted and the 2024 JMPR meeting was unable to complete the periodic review of this compound. All these compounds were therefore unsupported and the decision to refer them to the electronic working group (EWG) on unsupported compounds was consistent with the Management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review (REP23/PR54, Appendix XII, paragraph 8).
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Topic			Reference	Explanatory notes (if any)		
10. Suspension of work related to the national registration database			REP25/PR, Paragraph 262(i)	This topic was not included in the summary of work in REP25/PR as there is no follow-up to the decision of CCPR56 to suspend the work. This topic has however been included in this document for transparency.		
11. Review of data availability for okra, martynia and roselle and to establish possible timelines for the evaluation and reconsideration of			REP25/PR, Paragraph 227(iv)	CCPR54 agreed to apply the CXLs for the peppers subgroup (VO 0051) to okra, martynia and roselle on a provisional basis and this was dependent on commitments for data generation and submission to JMPR for evaluation. A timeline is needed on		

the provisional application of the CXLs for pepper subgroup (VO 0051)		the submission of such data so that the application of CXLs to okra, martynia and roselle would not be maintained on an indeterminate basis without further review.
<p>Chairperson's comments on specific issues for monitoring and information in light of the purpose of the critical review</p> <p>No sensitive issues were identified regarding the above topics, and consensus has been reached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 8 - Most of the MRLs currently held at Step 4/7 are pending further data submissions. • Topic 9 - The inclusion of these pesticides in the terms of reference (ToRs) of the EWG on unsupported compounds was consistent with the Management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review. Members and Observers are encouraged to actively engage in the work of the EWG. • Topic 10 - Work related to the National Registration Database (NRD) has been suspended. Resumption of activities will be considered based on emerging needs in the future. • Topic 11 - Currently, several Members and Observers are actively generating relevant data. However, project progress varies significantly, and no clear timeline can be established at this stage. Future CCPR sessions should therefore closely monitor these developments and encourage timely submission of data to JMPR for reconsideration at the earliest opportunity. 		

C. Chairperson's comments on the overall work of the committee in light of the purpose of the critical review

<p>CCPR56 proved to be both highly productive and significant. Substantial progress was achieved in standard-setting, with the majority of agenda items advancing smoothly. The session also represented another successful implementation of the co-hosting mechanism, further strengthening Codex's influence in Latin America. Most importantly, it fully demonstrated the core spirit of Codex—harmonization and consensus-building.</p> <p>So far, the Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG for managing the definition of animal commodities and CXLs for dual use chemicals as pesticide and veterinary drugs under guidance of CCEXEC is running smoothly and successfully.</p> <p>This year's session encountered numerous organizational and technical challenges. Its success can be attributed to the extensive consultations and consistent communication among all relevant parties—including the Codex Secretariat, the CCPR/Chilean Secretariat, the JMPR Secretariat, various working groups, and all delegations—both before and during the meeting. It was through this collective spirit of consultation and collaboration that we were able to overcome difficulties, ensure the session's full success, and achieve solid and meaningful outcomes.</p> <p>A number of topics received thorough discussion and notable attention. The issues, which will continue to be addressed in future CCPR sessions, include but are not limited to the following issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The new long-term dietary exposure assessment methodology proposed by JMPR, of which a consensus has not yet been reached in JMPR, led to a delay of this year's session of CCPR from May to September. A substantive methodology that fulfils the requirements in the Codex principles of risk analysis is strongly expected by Codex Members and Observers. Many comments and policy suggestions were provided, which would help JMPR find a correct way to the goal of a method for protecting the health of consumers worldwide, and at the same time facilitate food trade internationally. 2. The re-established EWG on the Management of unsupported compounds without public health concerns scheduled for periodic review is expected to play a more active role in the periodic review process of CXLs.

3. The item "Enhancement of the operational procedures of CCPR and JMPR" aimed to originally solve the problems of backlog. Despite many ideas suggested by Members and Observers for short- and long-term solutions, implementation was limited by available working mechanisms, expert resources, and financial issues, etc. Further discussion, especially involvement of the parent organizations, FAO and WHO, would be very helpful.

Appendix 2

A. General information on the committee and session

Committee	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA)		
Host	Japan	Chairperson	Ms. Aya Orito Nozawa
Co-host	China	Co-chairperson	Ms. Claire Hao Ding
Session reported on	CCASIA23	22-26 September 2025	
Next session	CCASIA24	2027, dates TBC	
Report	<u>REP25/ASIA</u>		

B. Status of work items (Overview)

Existing work item(s) for decision by the Commission (adoption, revocation, discontinuation)							
Topic	Job number	Target year	Recommendation of the committee	Status of endorsement (where applicable)	Scientific advice (Available, on track, delayed, or N/A)	Reference	Explanatory notes (if any)
1. Regional standard for quick-frozen dumplings (Asia)	N03-2020	2024	Adoption at Step 8	Endorsement of the food additive provisions and food labelling provisions are pending	N/A	REP25/ASIA, Paragraph 104(i) and Appendix VII, Part A	The regional standard cannot be adopted by CAC until fulfilment of the endorsement procedure.
<p>Chairperson's comments on specific work items(s) from the above in light of the purpose of the critical review</p> <p>CCASIA23 made excellent progress in finalizing the draft Regional standard for quick-frozen dumplings. I noted with appreciation the extensive work carried out through the EWG, the virtual working group and the in-session working group chaired by China, which enabled constructive and inclusive discussions among Members. In particular, CCASIA23 reached consensus on the section on food additives after careful consideration of various options regarding food categories and technological justifications. CCASIA23 agreed to assign quick-frozen dumplings to the food category 06.4.3 "Pre-cooked pastas and noodles and like products", and not to separate the food category between the skin and the filling. Through these discussions, all remaining concerns were successfully resolved, and CCASIA23 agreed to forward the draft standard to CAC for final adoption at Step 8, following endorsement of the provisions related to food additives and food labelling by the Codex Committees on Food Additives (CCFA) and Food Labelling (CCFL), respectively, and the proposed revisions to the <i>General standard for food additives</i> (GSFA, CXS 192-1995) for CCFA's consideration.</p> <p>I note that CCFA56, scheduled for April 2026, and CCFL49, scheduled for May 2026, will consider the relevant provisions. I sincerely hope that the provisions will be smoothly endorsed by the respective committees and the standard subsequently adopted by CAC49.</p>							

New work proposal(s) for approval by the Commission					
Topic	Target year	Recommendation of the committee	Scientific advice (Available, on track, delayed, or N/A)	Reference	Explanatory notes (if any)
2. Conversion of the <i>Regional standard for laver products (Asia)</i> (CXS 323R-2017) into an international standard	-	Approval	N/A	REP25/ASIA, Paragraph 141 and Appendix VIII	According to the <i>Codex Procedural Manual</i> , when the commodity committee concerned is not active (i.e. not holding physical sessions), the proposal for the conversion of a regional standard into a worldwide standard should preferably be submitted through the originating Coordinating Committee, accompanied by a project document. In such cases, CAC shall assign the most appropriate committee to undertake the work.
<p>Chairperson's comments on specific new work proposal(s) in light of the purpose of the critical review</p> <p>During the discussion, it was pointed out that there were no identified impediments to the application of the regional standard, but there was general agreement to support the new work proposal.</p> <p>Notably, concerns were expressed regarding heavy metal contaminants such as cadmium, arsenic, and lead in laver products. Therefore, CCASIA23 agreed to include a reference to the <i>General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed</i> (GSCTFF, CXS 193-1995) in the project document and to recommend that the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) consider establishing relevant maximum levels for heavy metals in seaweeds, including laver products.</p> <p>In response to the expressed views regarding expanding the scope of the standard to cover other seaweed species, the Codex Secretariat recalled that several CCASIA standards had been converted into international standards with similar scope descriptions, which is consistent with the current approach. Detailed aspects and technical issues may need to be addressed in the future once CAC approves the new work.</p> <p>Although CCASIA23 did not make a specific recommendation on which committee should undertake the new work, it appeared that the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP) might be the most appropriate one among the active commodity committees, given the nature of the product.</p>					
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Topic	Reference		Explanatory notes (if any)		
3. Discussion paper and project document for the development of a regional standard for canned porridge (Asia)	REP25/ASIA, Paragraph 123		For consideration by CCASIA24.		
4. Discussion paper and project document for the development of	REP25/ASIA, Paragraph 151		For consideration by CCASIA24.		

a regional standard for mooncake (Asia)		
5. Discussion paper on novel functional ingredients, and claims	REP25/ASIA, Paragraph 154	China and interested Members were requested to consider investigating this proposal and the possible way forward.

Chairperson's comments on specific issues for monitoring and information in light of the purpose of the critical review

Similar comments were raised on the two new work proposals for canned porridge and mooncake prepared by China, in particular, the necessity to clearly identify the main issues to be addressed and to specify which aspects were not covered by existing Codex standards. The request from CCEXEC88 (REP25/EXEC1, paragraph 50 (i)) was also recalled. Therefore, CCASIA23 agreed to request China to undertake a gap analysis of existing Codex texts to further define the scope and specific quality parameters to be addressed. I sincerely hope that the guidance being developed by the Codex Secretariat to guide the development of new work proposals will be published soon to support Members in refining the proposals.

The proposal for canned porridge had initially been combined with that for cooked rice prepared by the Republic of Korea, but it was decided before CCASIA23 that two separate standards would proceed separately. Should the Republic of Korea submit a proposal for cooked rice to CCASIA24, it would be considered under other business.

A discussion paper on novel functional ingredients and claims submitted by China and the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST) was also considered. Various views were expressed, and CCASIA23 requested China and interested Members and Observers to further examine this proposal and the possible way forward. I note that, given the nature of the topic, there was a view that this might be more appropriately addressed at the global level rather than being limited to a regional guideline.

C. Chairperson's comments on the overall work of the committee in light of the purpose of the critical review

I was pleased that although Asian Members generally tend to speak in a more measured manner, CCASIA23 had active and constructive discussions and truly embodied the Codex core values of inclusiveness, collaboration, consensus building, and transparency. As the coordinator changed during the term, the session was co-hosted by China and Japan, and I was glad that it was successfully conducted in close cooperation with the Co-chairperson.

The keynote session was held for the first time in a panel discussion format and focused on chemical food safety. The speakers from regional Members joined the panel, which allowed Members to share regional challenges and good practices. The panel discussion proved beneficial and such a format could also be explored in other regions.

Members highlighted the importance of capacity-building activities and the support and collaboration among regional Members, particularly for low- and middle-income countries. It was agreed that a workshop prior to CCASIA24 could be considered, similar to how the workshop of food allergens was organised prior to CCASIA23.

The regional work plan for the next two years under the Strategic Plan 2026–2031 was also adopted with a clear direction for our regional work. I look forward to working with regional Members to implement it effectively and further strengthen our regional collaboration in Codex.