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SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (ALINORM 99/24)

The report of the Thirtieth Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues will be considered by the 45th Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, 3 - 5 June 1998) and 23rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, 28 June - 3 July 1999).

PART A: MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 23RD SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

The following matters will be brought to the attention of the 22nd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission for adoption:

- 1. Draft Maximum Residue Limits and Draft Revised Maximum Residue Limits at Step 8 (ALINORM 99/24, Appendix II); and
- 2. PROPOSED DRAFT MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS AND PROPOSED REVISED DRAFT MAXIMUM RESIDUE AT STEP 5/8 (ALINORM 99/24, APPENDIX IV)

Governments wishing to propose amendments or to comment on the Draft MRLs and Proposed Draft MRLs, including revised MRLs, should do so in writing in conformity with the Guide to the Consideration of Standards at Step 8 of the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards Including Consideration of Any Statements Relating to Economic Impact (*Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual*, Tenth Edition, pp. 24-25) to the Chief, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (fax, +39 6 57054593; e-mail, codex@fao.org), **not later than 31 March 1999**.

3. DRAFT REVISED RECOMMENDED METHODS OF SAMPLING FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH MRLs (ALINORM 99/24, APPENDIX III)

Governments wishing to propose amendments or to comment on the above Draft Revised Recommended Methods of Sampling should do so in writing in conformity with the Guide to the Consideration of Standards at Step 8 of the Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards Including Consideration of Any Statements Relating to Economic Impact (*Codex Alimentarius Commission Procedural Manual*, Tenth Edition, pp. 24-25) to the Chief, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (fax, +39 6 57054593; e-mail, codex@fao.org), **not later than 31 March 1999**.

4. PROPOSED DRAFT MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS AT STEP 5 (ALINORM 99/24, APPENDIX V)

Governments wishing to propose amendments or to submit comments regarding the implications which the Proposed Draft Maximum Residue Limits may have for their economic interest should do so in writing in conformity with the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (at Step 5) (*Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual*, Tenth Edition, pp. 20-21) to the Chief, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (fax, +39 6 57054593; e-mail, codex@fao.org), **not later than 31 March 1999**.

5. REVOCATION OF CODEX MRLs (ALINORM 99/24, APPENDIX VI)

Governments wishing to comment on the proposed revocation (not including that of Codex MRLs replaced by the revised MRLs) should do so in writing to the Chief, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (fax, +39 6 57054593; e-mail, codex@fao.org), **not later than** 31 March 1999.

PART B: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND DATA TO BE SENT TO JOINT FAO/WHO MEETING ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

RESIDUES AND TOXICOLOGICAL DATA REQUIRED BY JMPR FOR PESTICIDES SCHEDULED FOR EVALUATION OR PERIODIC RE-EVALUATION

Governments and interested international organizations are invited to send inventory of data for pesticides on the agenda of the JMPR. Inventories of information on use patterns or good agricultural practices, residue data, national MRLs, etc. should be sent to FAO Joint Secretary of the JMPR, Plant protection Service, AGP, FAO, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy, well before 30 November of a year before a JMPR meeting where a pesticide of concern is scheduled to be evaluated and, submission of residue data should be well before the end of February of the same year as the JMPR meeting. Toxicological data should be sent to Dr. J.L. Herrman, International Programme on Chemical Safety, WHO, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland not later than one year before the JMPR meeting (see Appendix VII of ALINORM 99/24).

Those countries specified under individual compounds concerning matters related to the FAO Panel of the JMPR (GAP, residue evaluation, etc.) on specific pesticide/commodity(ies) or concerning toxicological matters are invited to send information of data availability and/or toxicological data (for deadlines see the paragraph above).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Thirtieth Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues reached the following conclusions:

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION

The Committee recommended to the Commission:

- a number of Draft MRLs for adoption at Step 8, Proposed Draft MRLs at Step 5/8 and Proposed Draft MRLs/EMRL at Step 5 (Appendices II, IV & V);
- Draft Revised Recommended Methods of Sampling for the Determination of Pesticide Residues for Compliance with MRLs for adoption at Step 8 (Appendix III); and
- deletion of certain existing Codex MRLs (Appendix VI).

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee:

- agreed to forward comments on the Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Good Animal Feeding to the 45th Executive Committee for consideration (para. 9); and
- recommended the Priority List of Pesticides for new and periodic evaluations by the JMPR for endorsement (Appendix VII)

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION

The Committee:

- generally supported the relevant recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Risk Management and Food Safety and noted that it had been in a process of implementing risk analysis in its work and it would continue this practice not only in the area of long-term exposure but also of acute exposure (paras. 10-12);
- stressed the importance of harmonization within Codex and the need for further coordination at the levels of Codex Committees, expert committees and national governments, especially in the area of MRL setting for compounds used both as pesticides and as veterinary drugs; setting of maximum limits/levels for chemical contaminants; and methods of sampling (paras. 70, 88 & 92-93);
- requested Germany to prepare a paper on the need for elaborating an EMRL(s) for toxaphene in fish for consideration at the next Session taking into consideration the FAO Manual on the Submission and Evaluation of Pesticide Residues Data for the Estimation of Maximum Residue Levels in Food and Feed and CX/PR 98/8 (para. 7);
- took note of the brief verbal summary of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on the Application of Risk Communication held in February 1998 (para. 13);
- noted the report on general considerations by the 1997 JMPR and agreed to solicit views of Member countries on the proposal to develop maximum residues limit for monitoring (MRLMs) and information on situations where extrapolation of residue data to minor crops was considered feasible at the national level (paras. 14-17);
- noted the executive summary of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Food Consumption and Exposure Assessment of Chemicals and agreed to consider at the next session its recommendations, particularly the procedures for acute hazard exposure assessment (paras. 20-22);

- agreed that (1) Codex MRLs confirmed by the JMPR under the Periodic Review should be included in future circular letters for comments; (2) the JMPR would continue to recommend MRLs for feedingstuffs if there were sufficient data to do so regardless of the adequacy of animal transfer studies, but these MRLs could not advance to Step 8 of the Codex Procedure unless there were adequate animal transfer studies on these commodities; (3) the issue on aggregated exposure was difficult to address at the international level and this issue was better dealt with at the national level; (4) the JMPR should be requested to consider common mechanisms of organophosphates and carbamates in connection with risk assessment; and (5) until a methodology for estimating acute exposure had been established, deliberation of MRLs should focus on chronic exposure (paras. 30-34);
- generally supported the suggested CCPR positions regarding potential elements for inclusion in a set of criteria for estimation of EMRLs and agreed that a concise paper should be prepared containing the compilation of the suggested CCPR positions, comparison of the approached of the CCPR and CCFAC, and government comments on outliers and violation rates and that it would not initiate a full exercise of criteria elaboration for the time being (paras. 85-89);
- agreed to bring the amended the Draft Revised Recommended Methods of Sampling for the Determination of Pesticides for Compliance with MRLs to the attention of the CCMAS and CCRVDF for consideration (para. 93);
- agreed to seek information on (1) which of the methods included in the List of Recommended Methods of Analysis were still commonly used; (2) national practices in testing abamectin, dicofol, captafol, captan and folpet for compliance with MRLs; and (3) the current national practices on the analysis and expression of residue data for fat soluble pesticides in milk and meat (paras. 95-98);
- decided to send the information on the analysis and expression of residue data for fat soluble pesticides in milk and meat and the relevant report section of the 1997 JMPR to the JECFA for consideration (para. 98);
- requested the Netherlands, Australia and the United Kingdom to prepare a discussion paper on the revision of the Guidelines on Good Laboratory Practice in Pesticide Residue Analysis for consideration at its next Session (para 99);
- recommended a number of actions regarding problems relative to pesticide residues in food in developing countries (paras. 106-111); and
- agreed to keep the document on regulatory practices to facilitate use of Codex MRLs for pesticides as a working paper and to request the International Toxicology Information Center and the Codex Secretariat to prepare a revised paper for consideration at its next Session (paras. 113-115).

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

(Used in this Report)

CCFAC Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants

CCGP Codex Committee on General Principles

CCMAS Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

CCPR Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

CCRVDF Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency

JECFA Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives

JMPR Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues

WHO World Health Organization WTO World Trade Organization

Acute RfD Acute Reference Dose
ADI Acceptable Daily Intake

CXL Codex Maximum Residue Limit for Pesticide

GAP Good agricultural practice

EMRL Extraneous Maximum Residue Limit IEDI International Estimated Daily Intake

MRL Maximum Residue Limit

STMR Supervised Trials Median Residue TMDI Theoretical Maximum Daily Intake

SPS Agreement Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

TBT Agreement Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade

REPORT OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

INTRODUCTION

1. The Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) held its 30th Session in The Hague, The Netherlands, from 20-25 April 1998. Dr. W.H. van Eck of the Netherlands Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport chaired the Session. The Session was attended by 49 Member countries and 15 international organizations. The list of participants is attached as Appendix I to this Report.

OPENING OF THE SESSION (Agenda Item 1)

2. The Session was opened by Mrs. Erica Terpstra, State Secretary of Health, Welfare and Sport. She welcomed the Committee to The Hague, and gave an overview of the changes in pesticide uses during the past 30 years influencing the work of the Committee since it had convened for the first time in 1966. She mentioned especially the growing role of risk analysis in establishing MRLs, and the progress which was recently made in this area following various Consultations which were held on this subject. In the coming years, acute dietary exposure would be an important item on the agendas of both JMPR and CCPR.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda Item 2)

- 3. The Committee **agreed** to include the following items under Agenda Item 9 and further **agreed** to refer them to the *ad hoc* Working Group on Methods of Analysis:
 - Analytical implications of certain residue definitions;
 - Analytical implications of the definition of fat (for fat-soluble pesticides); and
 - Guidelines for validation of analytical methods for monitoring trace organic components in foodstuffs and similar materials.
- 4. The Committee **adopted** the Agenda as contained in CX/PR 98/1 with the above amendment with the understanding that the issue on methods validation could be discussed only briefly as the report of a Joint FAO/IAEA Expert Consultation on Validation of Analytical Methods for Food Control had not yet been available to Member Countries; and the CCMAS would consider this issue at its next Session¹.

APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS (Agenda Item 3)

5. Mr. C.W. Cooper (USA) and Mr. J.R. Mascall (UK) were **appointed** as rapporteurs.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE² (Agenda Item 4)

- 6. The Committee received a report on matters referred to the Committee arising from the 22nd Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees. It agreed to consider the following items under the relevant agenda items³:
 - potential dietary intake implications of large variability of residue levels in certain commodities;
 - MRLs for fenthion in virgin olive oil; and
 - need for animal transfer studies for parathion-methyl.

MRLs/EMRLs for Fish

7. The Delegation of Germany expressed the view that as its monitoring demonstrated that the level of residues of toxaphene in the North Sea, Irish Sea and Baltic Sea had been increasing and toxaphene is a potential carcinogen for humans, it was desirable that an EMRL(s) should be elaborated for fish. Germany offered to provide its monitoring data and a new method of analysis. It was noted that the Committee

¹ 23-27 November 1998

² CX/PR 98/2.

³ See paras. 21-22, 43 and 32 & 48.

would consider the need for criteria for setting EMRLs under agenda item 8(b) which might have certain implications on this issue. The Committee **requested** Germany to prepare a paper on the need for elaborating an EMRL(s) for toxaphene in fish for consideration at the next Session taking into consideration the FAO Manual on the Submission and Evaluation of Pesticide Residues Data for the Estimation of Maximum Residue Levels in Food and Feed and CX/PR 98/8 (see paras. 85-89).

Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Good Animal Feeding

- 8. The Committee noted that the elaboration of a Code was assigned to this Committee, among other committees, with coordinating role to be taken by the Executive Committee⁴. The Committee was informed about the discussions by the Codex Committees on Food Hygiene⁵ and on Food Additives and Contaminants⁶.
- 9. The Committee **agreed** to forward the following comments to the 45th Executive Committee for consideration:
 - The scope of the Code should be clarified as it was not clear from the current draft whether feed items prepared at the farm level were to be covered by the code in addition to commercially available feeds; and
 - The term "herbicides" should be deleted from Section 3.1 as the term "pesticides" covers herbicides.

APPLICATION OF RISK ANALYSIS PRINCIPLES IN CODEX: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT CONSULTATIONS⁷ (Agenda Item 5)

- 10. The Committee was informed that the Commission at its 22nd Session had adopted the Statements of Principle Relating to the Role of Food Safety Risk Assessment and the Definitions of Risk Analysis Terms Related to Food Safety⁸ and that these texts were now included in the Tenth Edition of the *Procedural Manual*. The Commission had considered the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Risk Management and requested those Codex Committees dealing with food safety to consider recommendations 2 to 6 of the Consultation⁹ and to propose action as necessary¹⁰.
- 11. The Committee considered recommendations 2-5¹¹ and generally **supported** these recommendations. It noted that it had been in a process of implementing risk analysis in its work and it would continue this practice. It was emphasized that in addition to long-term exposure, it would soon initiate work on risk analysis of acute exposure.
- 12. The Committee also noted that the Commission had agreed to an Action Plan to implement risk management in Codex, initial steps of which were the considerations of the definitions for risk assessment policy and risk profile, and the development of integrated principles for risk management and risk assessment policy setting to be undertaken by the Codex Committee on General Principles. The Committee **agreed** to take necessary actions once the principles had been established.
- 13. The Committee was informed that a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on the Application of Risk Communication was held 2-6 February 1998 at the Italian Ministry of Health in Rome. The Consultation was the third in a series of consultations examining the broad implications of risk analysis, particularly for the Commission. The objectives of the Consultation included the identification of elements and guiding principles, barriers and strategies for effective risk communication as well as the development of practical recommendations to FAO, WHO, Member Governments, the Codex Alimentarius

⁴ ALINORM 97/37, para. 129.

⁵ ALINORM 99/13, paras 96-99.

⁶ ALINORM 99/12, paras 89-91.

⁷ CX/PR 98/5.

⁸ ALINORM 97/37, paras. 26-31.

Appendix of CX/PR 98/5.

¹⁰ ALINORM 97/37, paras. 160-167.

Recommendation 6 addresses microbiological hazards.

Commission, other international and national organizations, industry and consumers to improve risk communication among risk assessers, managers and those affected by the risk, especially consumers. The report would be available to the next Session of the Committee.

REPORT ON GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS BY THE 1997 JOINT FAO/WHO MEETING ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES¹² (Agenda Item 6)

- 14. The Committee took note of a number of general items in the 1997 JMPR report, including discussion of the FAO Manual on the Submission and Evaluation of Pesticide Residues Data for Estimation of Maximum Residue Levels in Food and Feed; advice on the submission of information for consideration by the FAO Panel; a proposal for the designation MRLM (maximum residues limit for monitoring) to be applied to pesticides for which JMPR estimates of dietary intake exceed the ADI; estimation of maximum residue and STMR levels for products of animal origin when residues are transferred from feed items; extrapolation of residue data to minor crops; the need for harmonizing recommendations from JMPR and JECFA for MRLs for pesticides with both agricultural and veterinary uses; the nature of fat samples in studies on fat-soluble compounds; and consideration of the assessment of the chronic dietary risk of dithiocarbamate pesticides.
- 15. Delegations welcomed the availability of this *FAO Manual* as it would enable future submissions to be more consistent and would facilitate the evaluation of the information provided.
- 16. The Committee **agreed** that the proposal of JMPR to develop MRLMs would require risk management decisions on how to deal with them when they got into the Codex system. A Circular Letter would be prepared requesting the views of Member countries and international organizations on the proposal.
- 17. The extrapolation of residue data to minor crops was of interest to all countries, especially to developing countries. The Committee **agreed** that a Circular Letter would be prepared requesting information on situations where extrapolation of residue data to minor crops was considered feasible at the national level, which would assist JMPR in further developing this activity.
- 18. Noting the very late availability of the 1997 JMPR Report, the Observer from the EC requested that the report along with the 1998 JMPR Report be included in the agenda of the next Session.

CONSIDERATION OF INTAKE OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES (Agenda Item 7)

(A) REPORT OF THE JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT CONSULTATION ON FOOD CONSUMPTION AND EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

- 19. The Committee had before it the Executive Summary¹³ of the Joint FAO/WHO Consultation on Food Consumption and Exposure Assessment of Chemicals held in Geneva from 10-14 February 1997. Copies of the final report¹⁴ were also made available at the Session. The WHO Representative recalled that, among other issues, the Consultation had reviewed the general principles for the determination of potential exposure to food additives, contaminants, residues of pesticides and veterinary drugs and certain nutrients and agreed that the principles outlined in *the Guidelines for Predicting Dietary Intake of Pesticide Residues* (WHO, 1997) were applicable to all food chemicals but that specific procedures might vary.
- 20. The Consultation had also recommended a procedure for expanding the number of GEMS/Food regional diets to make them more representative of countries in the regions. Following the Consultation, GEMS/Food had developed a proposal for 12 regional diets that would be circulated to Member Governments for comment in the near future. In regard to acute hazard exposure assessment, the

¹⁴ WHO/FSF/FOS/97.3.

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¹² Pesticide Residues in Food-1997 (FAO Plant Production and Protection Paper 145).

¹³ CX/PR 98/4.

Consultation concurred with the York consultation¹⁵ that the MRL or other appropriate high level for the residue be combined with a large portion weight. Exposure for each commodity should be compared to the acute RfD. However, the Consultation also acknowledged that for many commodities residues levels in individual units might exceed the MRL and proposed an approach which makes use of existing data on composite samples to estimate an appropriate high level.

- 21. The Delegation of the United Kingdom informed the Committee that further studies had confirmed that high unit-to-unit variability was a fairly widespread phenomenon and had been found in a variety of produce, from a variety of sources treated with a variety of pesticides. While the levels did not represent a public health hazard, in some cases the safety margins for consumers might be eroded. The United Kingdom would continue its research to investigate residues in individuals units and a report should be available in early 1999. The United Kingdom intended to host an international workshop on this subject in November 1998. The Chairperson also announced that the Netherlands Government intended to host a one-day symposium immediately prior to the next Session of the Committee to promote a better understanding of the problems of acute hazards and means for assessing and managing risks they pose.
- 22. In regard to large portion weight, the Consultation recommended that the 97.5 percentile daily consumption for individual food commodities for the general population as well as infants and children ages 6 and under be used for acute hazard exposure assessment. Food consumption should be expressed on a gram per kg body weight basis. As recommended by the 1997 JMPR, the Committee **agreed** that information on large portion weights would be requested by a Circular Letter from Member countries.
- 23. The Committee **agreed** that the report of the Consultation should be on the agendas of the next Sessions of the JMPR and CCPR to consider its recommendations, particularly the procedures for acute hazard exposure assessment.
- 24. WHO was invited to prepare a guidance document on procedures for estimating an acute reference dose for consideration by the JMPR and the next Session of the Committee.

(B) REPORT OF PESTICIDE RESIDUE INTAKE STUDIES AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL BASED ON REVISED GUIDELINES FOR PREDICTING DIETARY INTAKE RESIDUES¹⁶

- 25. The WHO Representative presented the referenced papers related to exposure assessment. He noted that the revised *Guidelines for Predicting Dietary Intake of Pesticide Residues* had been published last year, with support of the Netherlands for promotion of the wider dissemination of the methodology, particularly in developing countries.
- 26. Exposure assessment calculations had been performed for pesticides evaluated by the 1997 JMPR except when no MRLs existed or were proposed, as was the case for amitrole and fipronil, or when no ADI existed, as was the case for guazatine. Of the 23 pesticides, 21 had TMDI and/or IEDI estimates that were below the ADI for the five GEMS/Food regional diets: abamectin, bifenthrin, captan, carbofuran, carbosulfan, chlormequat, chlorothalonil, clethodim, fenbuconazole, folpet, glyphosate (including AMPA¹⁷), malathion, methamidophos, mevinphos, mycobutanil, phosalone, phosmet, tebuconazole, tebufenozide, thiabendazole and triforine. For two pesticides, fenamiphos and lindane, the TMDI calculations exceeded the ADI in one or more of the regional diets but information was unavailable to calculate a more refined estimate of exposure. The Observer from Consumers International requested that future reports on intake studies be more balanced, to also explain those assumptions that tended to lead to an underestimate of risk, in the interest of solid risk communication.
- 27. At the last Session, an IEDI calculation for thiram and ziram had been presented based on a common mechanism of toxicity for all dithiocarbamates which used an ADI-adjustment approach. The Committee had agreed, in principle, with the approach but requested WHO to prepare a more detailed

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Revision of the Guidelines for Predicting Dietary Intake of Pesticide Residues (York, UK, May 1995).

¹⁶ CX/PR 98/5 and CX/PR 98/5-Add.1.

Aminomethylphosphonic acid (198).

explanation for the approach for its 30th Session. Furthermore, the Committee had requested the JMPR to examine the question of common mechanism of toxicity for all dithiocarbamates.

28. In reviewing this issue, the 1997 JMPR had recommended that the risk assessment of dithiocarbamates should be performed for two groups that have two distinct mechanisms of toxicity, namely those that are thyroid toxic (mancozeb, maneb, metiram, probineb and zineb) and those that are not (ferbam, thiram and ziram) and that an ADI adjustment approach be used. Therefore, a revised IEDI calculation for only thiram and ziram (no MRLs are proposed for ferbam) had been performed to assess exposure to these pesticides and the ADI was not exceeded for any of the five GEMS/Food regional diets.

CONSIDERATION OF RESIDUES IN FOOD AND ANIMAL FEEDS¹⁸ (Agenda Item 8)

29. The Committee considered matters of a general nature before the deliberations of MRLs.

Codex MRLs Confirmed by the JMPR under Periodic Review

30. The Committee considered whether an opportunity should be given to Member countries to comment on those existing Codex MRLs confirmed by the JMPR under the Periodic Review programme. The Committee **agreed** that Codex MRLs confirmed by the JMPR under the Periodic Review should be included in future circular letters for comments. This would be in addition to those changed and recommended for deletion, as the principle objective of the Periodic Review was to review all existing Codex MRLs which had been recommended more than 10 years ago in the light of the current scientific requirements.

New ADI/Acute RfD

31. The Committee noted that lowering ADIs might give rise to intake concerns and **agreed** to continue to consider this matter in relation to implications to MRL elaboration and risk analysis. However, on whether it would be appropriate to discuss toxicological aspects of ADIs at the sessions, the Committee was generally of the opinion that governments having comments on ADIs from a toxicological point of view could raise them at the sessions and should be prepared to transmit them in writing directly to the JMPR for further consideration.

Animal Transfer Studies

32. The Observer from the EC was of the opinion that where no adequate animal transfer studies were available, the JMPR should not recommend MRLs for major feed items except where residue levels in feed items were lower than 0.1 mg/kg, or when no residue transfer into edible tissues of animals was expected. The Committee was informed, however, that if no MRLs existed for feedingstuffs where residues could occur, it might cause trade problems. The Committee noted that it would be difficult for the JMPR to keep track of the evaluations of feedingstuffs and animal transfer studies if it could not recommend MRLs for feedingstuffs due to the lack of adequate animal transfer studies. The Committee agreed that the JMPR would continue to recommend MRLs for feedingstuffs if there were sufficient data to do so regardless of the adequacy of animal transfer studies. However, these MRLs could not advance to Step 8 of the Codex Procedure unless there were adequate animal transfer studies on these commodities.

Pesticides of Common Mechanisms/Aggregated Exposure to Pesticides

33. The Committee noted that the USA had initiated examinations of issues relating to pesticides with common mechanisms of action, aggregated exposure and the impact of exposure to pesticides on infants and children in the framework of Food Quality Protection Act. The Observer from Consumers International requested that these issues, especially in relation to organophosphates and carbamates, be also examined by the CCPR/JMPR and that MRLs for organophosphates not be advanced. The

⁸ CPR/PR 98/6, CX/PR 98/6-Add.1 (CRD 1; summary of best possible estimates for dicofol, methidathion, chlorpyriphos-methyl and phorate), CX/PR 98/6-Add.2 (CRD 2; comments from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom, European Community and Consumers International), CX/PR 98/6-Add.3 (CRD 5; comments from India), CX/PR 98/6-Add.4 (CRD 6; comments from Japan), CRD 9 (comments from European Community)

Committee noted that the JMPR had considered the issue of interaction on several occasions. The Committee **concluded** that the issue on aggregated exposure was difficult to address at the international level and that this issue was better dealt with at the national level. It **requested** the JMPR to consider common mechanism of organophosphates and carbamates in connection with risk assessment.

Acute Intake Concerns

34. Several delegations expressed concerns about acute exposure relating to certain MRLs. However, the Committee **decided** that until a methodology for estimating acute exposure had been established, deliberation of MRLs should focus on chronic exposure. The Committee was hopeful that it could submit a progress report on the methodology and its implementation to the Commission at its 24th Session in 2001¹⁹.

(A) DRAFT AND PROPOSED DRAFT MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS AT STEPS 7 AND 4²⁰

CARBARYL (008)

35. The Observer from the EC expressed concerns that the TMDIs for the regional diets ranged between 700 and 1420% of the ADI, as the ADI had been lowered, and asked for risk management measures to be considered. Written information on which uses would be supported and when data would be available was requested to be sent to the JMPR Secretaries well in advance of the next Session. If no information was received, the Committee would consider deletion of CXLs at its next Session.

CHLORFENVINPHOS (014)

36. The Committee noted that the proposals of the 1996 JMPR included in its Evaluations for several commodities were not included in its Report. This should be clarified by the JMPR Secretaries. The Committee noted that additional residue data on Brussels sprouts, cabbages, head, cauliflower and carrot would become available and residue data on onion, bulb, parsnip and rapeseed were currently available. The Committee should consider deletion of the CXLs for those commodities not being supported at its next Session.

CHLORMEQUAT (015)

37. The Committee noted that animal transfer studies in poultry and cattle would be available in late 1998. The Committee **advanced** all proposed draft MRLs to Step 5. Written confirmation was requested of the availability of residue data on pear and cereals.

CHLORPYRIFOS (017)

38. As proposed by the Delegations of USA²¹ and Spain last year, and supported this year by the Delegation of South Africa, the Committee **amended** the draft MRL for citrus fruits from 2 mg/kg to 1 mg/kg and **advanced** it to Step 8.

DIAZINON (022)

39. The Committee noted that animal transfer studies would become available in 1999.

DICOFOL (026)

40. Since several delegations and the Observer from Consumers International had reservations about the way STMRs were estimated by the manufacturer, especially for pome fruits, and their uses in deliberations, the Committee **postponed** further discussion pending the outcome of the refined calculations by the manufacturer in consultation with JMPR experts.

Status of MRLs/EMRLs considered is contained in Annex II of this report. Those MRLs/EMRLs advanced to Steps 8 and 5 for adoption are contained in Appendices II, IV and V of this report and those recommended for revocation are in Appendix VI.

¹⁹ See paras 19 - 23.

CX/PR 97/9-Add.1-2, page 2.

DIMETHOATE (027)

41. The UK would submit summary data on residue and toxicology, which had been reviewed by the UK and the EC, to the 1998 JMPR. The residue data on the more toxic metabolite omethoate resulting from dimethoate use would also be evaluated by the 1998 JMPR.

DIQUAT (031)

42. Since the TMDI reached 170% of the ADI, it was proposed that the Committee rely on the observation that the STMR-approach generally reduce the exposure estimate by a factor of 3. The Committee noted that new residue trials were being carried out on asparagus, broad bean, runner bean, cabbages, cottonseed, cucumber, olives, strawberry, tomato and wheat. Diquat was also used on maize, rice, alfalfa and clover, but only for seed production. The Delegation of the UK stated that STMR data would be available soon. The Committee **advanced** all draft MRLs to Step 8.

FENTHION (039)

43. The 1997 JMPR estimated that ingestion of up to 200 ml of virgin olive oil containing residues at the MRL level would not lead to exposure exceeding the acute RfD of 0.01 mg/kg bw. The Committee noted that new GAP was being developed in the EC and consequently new data were to be expected. As fenthion was scheduled for evaluation by the 2000 JMPR, the data should be available in 1999. The Committee **returned** all MRLs to Step 6.

LINDANE (048)

44. The Committee **supported** scheduling lindane for a Periodic Review as the TMDI ranged from 300% to 1200% of the ADI. It would consider the deletion of the existing CXLs, except those accompanied by the letter "E", at its next Session if lindane was not supported. If this is the case, the Committee should consider transferring those CXLs annotated "E" to the EMRL section.

METHIDATHION (051)

45. Based on the refined intake estimation submitted in response to the request of the Committee made at the last Session²², which demonstrated that the estimated intakes were below the ADI, the Committee **advanced** the draft MRLs for grapes and pear to Step 8.

MEVINPHOS (053)

46. The Committee should consider at its next Session deletion of those CXLs recommended by the 1997 JMPR for withdrawal, if no information became available on the availability of new data.

2-PHENYLPHENOL(056)

47. The Committee noted that supporting data for citrus fruits and pear had been submitted and the compound was scheduled for Periodic Review by the 1999 JMPR. It would consider deletion of the CXL for apple at its next Session if not supported.

PARATHION-METHYL (059)

48. The Committee **advanced** the draft MRLs for broccoli, cabbages, head, and rice, husked to Step 8. The Committee postponed discussion on the MRLs for feedingstuffs pending the review of animal feeding studies and Periodic Review (residues) by the 2000 JMPR.

PROPOXUR (075) (Annex II)

THIOMETON (076)

49. The Committee noted that thiometon would no longer be supported. The Committee should consider deletion of all CXLs at its next Session.

²² ALINORM 97/24A, para. 42.

CHLOROTHALONIL (081)

50. The Committee **recommended** the deletion of the CXLs for blackberries, citrus fruits, lima bean (dry) and raspberries, red, black, as the period of "4 years" in accordance with the Periodic Review Procedure had expired.

DICLORAN (083)

51. The Committee noted that residue data for all crops in the CXL list would be available for the 1998 JMPR.

FENAMIPHOS (085)

52. The Committee noted that the TMDI only slightly exceeded the ADI.

CHLORPYRIFOS-METHYL (090)

53. Initial calculations by the manufacturer showed that the IEDIs exceeded the ADI for all regional diets. The Committee was informed that the use on maize would no longer be supported and that new processing studies on cereal commodities would be reviewed to refine the IEDI for consideration by the Committee at its next Session. The Committee **returned** the MRLs for barley, oats and rice to Step 6.

ACEPHATE (095)

54. It was noted that acephate was scheduled for a Periodic Review by the 2000 JMPR where an acute RfD would be established. The Committee **advanced** the proposed draft MRLs to Step 5 omitting Steps 6 and 7 for adoption at Step 8, as concerns were only on acute exposure. The EC would submit data to the JMPR for the establishment of the acute RfD.

CARBOFURAN (096)

55. The Committee noted that the 1997 JMPR had recommended withdrawal of a majority of existing CXLs. New residue data on field corn, sweet corn, oat, rice, soya bean, carrot, sugar beet, turnip, onion, pepper, sunflower, cotton, rapeseed, tomato, eggplant, grapes and peanut would be submitted to the JMPR, and an acute RfD should be established at the time of the next JMPR review.

METHAMIDOPHOS (100)

56. A Periodic Review (toxicology) was scheduled for 2000 and establishment of an acute RfD was **requested**. The Committee noted that data on tomato were available and would be submitted. The new data might support a lower limit.

MALEIC HYDRAZIDE (102)

57. The Committee noted that the 1996 JMPR lowered the ADI and that a Periodic Review (residues) was scheduled for 1998.

PHOSMET (103)

58. The Committee noted that the 1997 JMPR had recommended withdrawal of a majority of CXLs and that a toxicological review was scheduled for the 1998 JMPR. The Committee should consider deletion of MRLs at the next Session if phosmet was no longer supported.

DITHIOCARBAMATES (105)

- 59. The Committee noted that manufacturers had supplied a number of the STMR estimates requested by the 29th Session to address intake concern that the IEDIs in 3 out of the 5 regional diets had exceeded the ADI. The Committee **agreed** to use these estimates as a basis for a more refined intake calculation.
- 60. The Committee was informed of the methodology used for the IEDI calculations by the manufacturer, which was consistent with the procedure of the JMPR²³. The Committee noted that all

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²³ See para. 28.

calculations resulted in intakes significantly below the ADI for the 5 regional diets. However, concern was expressed that some processed products such as wine and processed apple products were not taken into account. It was recognized that their consumption data at the international level were currently lacking. Delegations were **requested** to submit national intake calculations for consideration at the next Session. The Observer from the Office international de la vigne et du vin (OIV) was **invited** to submit consumption data on wine. The manufacture would submit revised calculations taking into account the consumption data of wine and apple juice.

- 61. The Committee noted that it might be possible for the JMPR to establish MRLs for individual groups of dithiocarbamates.
- 62. The Committee noted that additional residue trials data on banana, barley, barley straw and fodder, cabbages, head, lettuce, maize fodder, papaya and pepper would be made available to the 1999 JMPR, and suggested that data on melons and cucumber could be used to support pumpkin. A complete list of the data to be submitted was requested to be sent to the JMPR.
- 63. The Committee **returned** all draft MRLs to Step 6 for consideration at the next Session, where the MRL for meat at the limit of determination could be aligned with the MRLs for other animal commodities at the limit of determination (0.05 mg/kg).

ETHEPHON (106)

64. Written information was requested to be sent to the JMPR Secretaries on when data would become available for JMPR review and what data might be anticipated. The Committee **returned** the draft MRLs at Step 7B to Step 6.

IPRODIONE (111)

65. The Committee **retained** the CXL for tomato as new residue data would become available in 1999.

PHORATE (112)

- 66. The refined intake estimates provided by the manufacturer in response to the request of the Committee made at the 29th Session demonstrated that the IEDIs were below the ADI. The Committee **advanced** the MRL for potato to Step 8. The Committee noted that the GAP for carrot in the UK had been revoked and those for barley, rapeseed and tomato in the USA withdrawn. The Committee should consider deletion of the CXLs of barley, rapeseed and tomato and the draft MRL for carrot at the next Session.
- 67. The Committee **requested** priority scheduling of a full review of the compound because of acute intake concern.

GUAZATINE (114)

68. The 1997 JMPR had withdrawn the ADI and recommended withdrawal of 5 CXLs. The Committee would consider their deletion at its next Session.

ALDICARB (117)

69. The Committee was informed that the compound was under review in the EC particularly in respect to dietary intake concerns. The Committee noted that new data on banana and potato, based on amended GAP, would become available for evaluation by the 2000 JMPR. The Committee was informed that an example of a probabilistic method for estimating acute dietary intake would be provided to the JMPR. The Committee **advanced** the MRL for potato to Step 5.

CYPERMETHRIN (118)

70. The Committee noted that the CCRVDF had been elaborating MRLs for cypermethrins arising from veterinary uses with different residue definitions, proposed levels and commodity definitions. It was recognized that further coordination would be needed between the JMPR and the JECFA and the CCPR and CCRVDF, as well as at the national level, for elaborating MRLs for compounds used as both

pesticides and veterinary drugs. The Committee requested the EC to send their comments on those MRLs arising from veterinary uses directly to the CCRVDF.

PERMETHRIN (120); DELTAMETHRIN (135); CYHALOTHRIN (146)

71. The Committee noted that these compounds were on the agenda of the 52nd JECFA (1999) and that permethrin also on the 1999 JMPR agenda for Periodic Review (toxicology).

PHENOTHRIN (127)

72. The Committee **recommended** deletion of all CXLs, as phenothrin was no longer supported.

PHENTHOATE (128)

73. The Committee should consider deletion of all CXLs at its next Session as phenthoate was no longer supported.

PHOXIM (141)

74. The Committee should consider deletion of the CXLs at its next Session as phoxim would not be supported.

CYFLUTHRIN (157)

75. The Committee noted that a number of MRLs for cyfluthrin arising from veterinary uses had been proposed by the JECFA for consideration by the CCRVDF. The Committee also noted that it might consider a new MRL for milk (0.04 mg/l) proposed by the JECFA at its next Session as the current CXL for milk was 0.01 mg/kg. (See para. 70)

BUPROFEZIN (173)

76. The Committee noted that buprofezin would be reviewed by the 1999 JMPR and that additional residue trials on oranges would be submitted.

ABAMECTIN(177)

77. The Committee noted that the CCRVDF, which had a different residue definition, would consider the MRLs for kidney, liver and fat of cattle.

BIFENTHRIN (178)

78. The Committee **advanced** the MRLs for barley and maize to Step 8 but **returned** those for cattle fat and cattle milk to Step 6, taking into account the observations of the 1997 JMPR on animal transfer studies and post-harvest uses on cereals. It decided to consider the latter MRLs, together with the other draft and proposed draft MRLs at the next Session. The Delegation of Australia informed the Committee that new residue data and processing studies on wheat would become available to the JMPR.

CLETHODIM (187)

79. Written information was requested to be sent to the JMPR Secretaries on: (1) what studies on which commodities were being conducted; and (2) when new data would be available to the 1999 JMPR.

FENPROPIMORPH (188)

80. The Committee noted that animal transfer studies would be available to the 1999 JMPR and that the draft MRL for sugar beet should be 0.05 mg/kg (*). The Committee postponed discussions, pending evaluation by the 1999 JMPR.

TEFLUBENZURON (190) (Annex II)

FENARIMOL (192)

81. The Committee **advanced** all draft MRLs to Step 8 and the proposed draft MRL for hops, dry, to Step 5, with omission of Steps 6 or 7, for adoption at Step 8.

HALOXYFOP (194)

82. The Delegation of Australia informed the Committee that new animal transfer studies would be available later this year. The Delegations of Germany, France and The Netherlands were **requested** to submit their detailed written comments to the Codex Secretariat for consideration by the Committee next year. The Committee **advanced** all proposed draft MRLs to Step 5.

FLUMETHRIN (195)

83. Although a maximum residue level for honey had been proposed by the 1996 JMPR, the Committee **agreed** that at present the establishment of an MRL for honey for flumethrin was of low priority.

TEBUFENOZIDE (196)

84. The Committee **advanced** the proposed draft MRL for grapes to Step 5 and **requested** the Delegation of Germany to send the JMPR its GAP for grapes. It also requested the Delegation of France and the manufacturer to submit data and written comments on processing studies of grapes into wine. The Committee **advanced** the MRLs for pome fruits, rice, husked, and walnuts to Step 5 with omission of Step 6 and 7 for adoption at Step 8.

(B) DRAFT AND PROPOSED DRAFT EXTRANEOUS MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS AT STEPS 7 AND 4 Criteria for Setting EMRLs

- 85. The Delegation of the United States introduced document CX/PR 98/8 which had been prepared upon the request of the 29th Session of the Committee to examine the need for criteria and, if criteria were to be established, what needed to be considered.
- 86. The Committee considered the section on potential elements for inclusion in a set of criteria for estimation of EMRLs point by point. The Committee generally **supported** the suggested CCPR positions as contained in the document and was of the view that there should be flexibility in the application of criteria or potential elements. The Committee also generally **agreed** that EMRLs should be established only for those compounds whose registration for agricultural uses had been revoked and which were persistent in the environment with potential to result in residues in food and feed likely to cause problems in health and trade.
- 87. The Committee had an exchange of views regarding the use of monitoring data, whether they should be only random monitoring data or whether targeted monitoring data could also be used; treatment of outliers; and appropriate violation rate (2-5 % or 0.2-0.4%) in relation to cost and health implications and possible disputes caused by using different violation rates. The Committee **agreed** that the suggested position emphasizing the use of random monitoring data was adequately worded to accommodate exceptions.
- 88. The Committee was of the view that harmonization was necessary between the approaches of this Committee in the area of EMRL setting and of CCFAC in setting maximum levels for other contaminants. However, it was noted that the CCFAC had just started implementing the procedure and would gain experience in the future. The Committee received a brief report on the activity of the UNEP in the area of persistent organic pollutants. It was noted that among nine pesticides being considered by that organization, 6 compounds had been given Codex EMRLs and that the Committee would consider toxaphene in fish at its next Session²⁴. This activity highlighted the need to develop clearly defined consistent approach for establishing maximum levels for chemical contaminants between the CCPR and CCFAC.
- 89. It was **decided** that comments should be sought from Member governments on their current practices in treating outliers and on what violation rates were used. The Committee **agreed** that a concise paper should be prepared, based on CX/PR 98/8, by the USA in collaboration with Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and South Africa with a coordination role by the Codex Secretariat. The paper

²⁴ See para. 7.

would contain the compilation of the suggested CCPR positions, comparison of the approaches of the CCPR and CCFAC, and government comments on outliers and violation rates. The Committee noted that Sections of the *FAO Manual* had already addressed certain issues relating to EMRL setting at the international level. It further **agreed** that it would not initiate a full exercise of criteria elaboration for the time being despite some delegations' proposals to do so.

Extraneous Maximum Residue Limits

DDT(21)

90. Many delegations supported the proposed draft EMRL for meat. Some other delegations expressed their reservation, proposing an EMRL of 1 mg/kg. The Committee **decided** to advance the EMRL to Step 5 and to discuss it again next year in view of the new approach for EMRLs.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (Agenda Item 9)

- (A) REVISION OF RECOMMENDED METHODS OF SAMPLING FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES²⁵
- 91. The Committee considered the referenced documents with the assistance of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Methods of Analysis chaired by Dr. van Zoonen (The Netherlands), which had considered the government comments submitted at Step 6 on the Draft Revised Methods of Sampling for the Determination of Pesticide Residues for Compliance with MRLs.
- 92. A number of delegations supported the advancement of the Draft Revised Methods to Step 8. However, the Delegation of New Zealand was strongly of the opinion that the text should not be advanced due to significant differences in how MRLs were set by the CCRVDF/JECFA and CCPR/JMPR, and requested that if the text was to be advanced, a statement be inserted to the effect that the text would not apply to compliance with EMRLs and veterinary drugs uses. The Committee **agreed** to amend the term "mixed" in Table 1 of the document to "well mixed".
- 93. The Committee **agreed** to advance the amended Draft Revised Methods²⁶ to Step 8 for adoption by the Commission noting the strong concern of New Zealand which reserved its position. To promote harmonization within Codex, it also **agreed** to bring the amended text to the attention of the CCMAS and CCRVDF for consideration. Being aware of the importance of harmonization, the Committee felt that in the future it might propose development by the Commission of a mechanism for ensuring harmonization, as appropriate, throughout Codex.
- (B) REVISION OF THE LIST OF RECOMMENDED METHODS OF ANALYSIS FOR PESTICIDE RESIDUES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO METHODS OF ANALYSIS FOR PESTICIDE RESIDUES²⁷

Revision of the List of [Recommended] Methods of Analysis

- 94. The Committee generally **supported** the update of the list and **preferred** the title of the document being "List of Suitable Methods of Analysis" or omitting any adjective. The Committee was informed of the ongoing work by AOAC International on validation of methods for pesticide residues.
- 95. The chairperson of the Working Group offered to evaluate the current list against the Criteria contained in the *Procedural Manual* and the existing List²⁸. It was **agreed** that information would be sought by means of a Circular Letter on which of the methods listed were still commonly used.

CX 98/10, CRD 7 (comments from the EC) and CRD 11 (report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Methods of Analysis).

Appendix II of ALINORM 97/24A, CX/PR 98/9 (comments from Canada, Denmark, United Kingdom and Consumers International); CX/PR 98/9-Add.1 (CRD 3; comments from the USA and the EC) and CRD 11 (report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Methods of Analysis).

Appendix III of this report.

Appendix III of ALINORM 95/24A, adopted by the Commission at its 21st Session.

Analytical implications of the residue definitions of abamectin (177) dicofol (26), captafol (6), captan (7) and folpet (41)

96. The Committee was informed of difficulties implied by the inclusion of the delta 8,9 isomer of abamectin B1b and its parent compound in the residue definition of abamectin due to the unavailability of analytical standards. For dicofol, captafol, captan and folpet, the Working Group expressed its preference for the inclusion of degradation products formed during the analytical procedures into the residue definitions. Several delegations expressed views on whether or not degradation products should be included in the residue definitions. The Committee **agreed** to seek information from government laboratories on national practices in testing these compounds for compliance with MRLs and recommended that these submissions on specific compounds be sent to the JMPR at the time of Periodic Review. The Committee noted that folpet was scheduled for Periodic Review by the 1998 JMPR.

Problems associated with the analysis and expression of residue data for fat soluble pesticides in milk and meat

- 97. In response to the referral of the JMPR²⁹, the Working Group recommended that MRLs for fat-soluble pesticides in meat should apply to the lipid portion of the fat from any part of the animal, unless otherwise indicated in the MRL description. Within this definition, the fat could include trimmable fat or fat obtained by rendering or extracting lean meat. The Committee noted that incorrect results would be obtained in analyzing milkfat and converting it into a whole milk basis using 4% fat content, if the actual fat content was very different from 4%.
- 98. The Committee **decided** to send this information to the JECFA along with the relevant report section of the 1997 JMPR for consideration; and to seek information from governments on their current practices for consideration by the JMPR.

Guidelines on in-house validation of analytical methods for monitoring pesticides in food stuffs

- 99. The Committee noted that due to accreditation requirements, in-house validation had gained great importance. Regarding the Working Group's recommendation that a section on validation of methods in the Guidelines on Good Laboratory Practice in Pesticide Residue Analysis³⁰ should be revised, the Committee **requested** the Delegations of the Netherlands, Australia and the United Kingdom to prepare a discussion paper on this issue for discussion at the next Session. Noting that a paper would be prepared for the next Session of the CCMAS on this issue, the Committee stressed the need for harmonization and coordination³¹. The Committee was informed of the AOAC guidelines for methods validation.
- 100. The Committee **agreed** that a working group should convene at its next Session under the chairship of Dr. van Zoonen.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CODEX PRIORITY LISTS OF PESTICIDES³² (Agenda Item 10)

- 101. The Committee **agreed** to add one new compound to the priority list, spinosad (insecticide), which had been proposed by the United States. It was tentatively scheduled for toxicological and residue evaluations in 2001.
- 102. Phenthoate, phoxim, and thiometon were not supported for periodic reevaluation, although the veterinary uses of phoxim would be supported. DDT was tentatively scheduled for residue evaluation in 2000 for consideration of EMRLs in chicken meat. The Committee **agreed** to request national monitoring data by a Circular Letter to facilitate the establishment of an EMRL for this commodity.
- 103. The Committee noted that proposals for pesticides to be placed on the priority list generally arrive very late, often at the session itself. To facilitate the earlier submission of such proposals, the Committee

30 Codex Alimentarius, Volume 2, Section 4.3.

²⁹ See para. 14.

See para. 4.

CL 1997/26-PR; CX/PR 98/11; CX/PR 98/11-Add.1 (CRD 4); CX/PR 98/11-Add.2 (CRD 12); CX/PR 98/6-Add.3 (CRD 5); CRD 7.

agreed to distribute a Circular Letter at the same time as issuing the report of the Committee. The Committee **requested** that the agendas of the JMPR be placed on the FAO's Plant Protection Division home page.

- 104. The number of pesticides to be reviewed by the JMPR, particularly the FAO Panel, was beyond its review capacity. The Committee **requested** the Delegation of Australia to develop a paper for the next Session outlining additional criteria that could be applied for prioritization of pesticides which would result in a better utilization of the resources available to the JMPR while meeting the needs of the Committee. The Committee **agreed** that indicative lists of studies be provided to the JMPR Secretaries by 1 March of one year before the scheduled evaluations.
- 105. The Committee thanked the informal group on priorities, under the chairship of Dr R. Eichner (Australia) for preparing the priority list³³.

PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN FOOD IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES³⁴ (Agenda Item 11)

- 106. The Report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Problems Relative to Pesticide Residues in Food In Developing Countries was presented by its chairperson, Dr. Cheah Uan Boh (Malaysia); Mr. David Lunn (New Zealand) acted as rapporteur.
- 107. Dr. Cheah introduced the referenced documents pointing out that limited availability of resources and expertise were major difficulties faced by developing countries to generate information to support the establishment of Codex MRLs for many of the minor crops with residue-related trade problems (as identified from the GEMS/Food violation data base and the 1997 questionnaire).
- 108. The Committee noted that the working group had **welcomed** the recent work of the JMPR in defining the data requirements (as outlined in section 2.5 of the 1997 JMPR Report), and **agreed** that relevant criteria should be used by developing countries at both the national and regional level, to generate the necessary information for submission to the JMPR to support the elaboration of Codex MRLs for the pesticide/commodity combinations causing trade problems.
- 109. The Committee was informed about the recent activities of the ASEAN member countries in establishing an Expert Working Group to harmonize MRLs, with protocols and principles based on those adopted by Codex, with the aim of facilitating intra and extra regional trade. The Working Group had agreed that this, and other such regional initiatives, would be valuable in making the best use of limited resources to generate the necessary information to support the establishment of Codex MRLs.
- 110. Dr. Cheah referred to the information provided to the working group on a number of pesticide-related activities and programmes available to assist developing countries in resolving pesticide residue problems, including various regional IPM programmes, training provided by the Training and Reference Center of FAO/IAEA in pesticide-related activities and analytical laboratory quality assurance and control, the availability of information on pesticide-related topics on the Internet and a specific session on residue analysis problems in developing countries at the next IUPAC Congress of Pesticide Chemistry.

111. The Committee:

- (a) **encouraged** developing countries to develop and submit, either individually or through regional cooperation, the data necessary for the JMPR to propose MRLs for commodities of importance in trade, and **recommended** that, where appropriate, the criteria established by the JMPR for extrapolating Codex MRLs to those minor crops be used as a basis for developing these data;
- (b) **invited** GEMS/Food to analyze data base of residue violations in food imported into developed countries in order to extract information that could assist developing countries in identifying additional pesticide/commodity combinations for which data could be collected to support the establishment of Codex MRLs;

³³ Appendix III

³⁴ CX/PR 98/12, CX/PR 98/12-Add 1, CRD 14

- (c) **agreed** to discontinue, for the time being, further uses of the questionnaire for information collection on pesticide/commodity combinations with pesticide residue problems in trade, as there would not be much information forthcoming in response to it from developing countries; and
- (d) **encouraged** developing countries to approach FAO for technical assistance to be provided for the establishment of MRLs in view of many such requests from developing countries.
- 112. The Committee **agreed** that a Working Group should convene at its next Session under the chairship of Dr. Cheah.

REGULATORY PRACTICES TO FACILITATE USE OF CODEX MRLS FOR PESTICIDES³⁵ (Agenda Item 12)

- 113. Mr. J. Wessel (International Toxicology Information Center) introduced the referenced document, and recalled that at its 29th Session the Committee had discussed the relevance of the document "Recommended National Regulatory Practices to Facilitate Acceptance and Use of Codex Maximum Limits for Pesticide Residues in Foods" Delegations had stressed the usefulness of that document in the work of the CCPR, both for information and transparency. The Committee at its 29th Session had unanimously supported an updating of the document, which had been approved as new work by the Commission at its 22nd Session The referenced document was still based on the results of a 1980 questionnaire but reflected the many advances made by the JMPR in recent years, and included a number of recommendations on a range of JMPR assessment practices and policies. Information on newer CCPR-related activities (e.g., Periodic Review, and international dietary intake, WTO SPS Agreement) had been added and the document was intended to replace CAC/PR 9-1985.
- 114. The Committee expressed its appreciation to those involved in the drafting of this document. While unanimously pointing out the usefulness of the document, several delegations suggested that some improvements and expansions could be made in paragraphs 20, 30³⁸ and 59 (a) and (b).
- 115. Recognizing the importance of Codex texts under the SPS Agreement, the Committee **agreed** to keep the document as a working paper and to request the ITIC, together with the Codex Secretariat, to prepare a revised paper for consideration at its next Session. All interested countries and international organizations were invited to send their inputs to Mr. Wessel.

OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE WORK (Agenda Item 13)

- 116. The Committee noted that some of the comments of the EC had been misplaced in Annex II of the report of the 29th Session.
- 117. The Committee expressed its deep appreciation to Mr. D.J. Hamilton, who had participated in the Committee for the last time, for his outstanding contribution to the work of the Committee as its participant and through his work in the JMPR as an expert.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION (Agenda Item 14)

118. The Thirty-first Session of the Committee was tentatively scheduled to be held in the Hague from 12-17 April 1999, subject to confirmation by the Netherlands and Codex Secretariats.

³⁶ CAC/PR 9-1985.

³⁵ CX/PR 98/13.

³⁷ ALINORM 97/24, para. 189.

Paragraph on GAP.

SUMMARY STATUS OF WORK

Subject	Step	Action by	Document Reference (ALINORM 99/24)
Draft MRLs	8	23rd CAC	Appendix II
Proposed Draft MRLs	5/8	23rd CAC	Appendix IV
Draft MRLs	6, 7	Governments 31st CCPR JMPR	Annex II CX/PR 98/6
Proposed Draft MRLs/EMRL	5	23rd CAC	Appendix V
Proposed Draft MRLs	3	Governments Secretariat 31st CCPR	Annex II CX/PR 98/6
Draft Revised Methods of Sampling for the Determination of Pesticide Residues for Compliance with MRLs	8	23rd CAC	Appendix III paras. 91-93
Priority List of Pesticides (new pesticides and pesticides under periodic review)	1	45th CCEXEC JMPR CCPR Governments International organizations Secretariat Australia	Appendix III paras. 101-104
Methods of Analysis	-	Secretariat Governments The Netherlands 31st CCPR	paras. 94-98
Identification of pesticide/commodity combinations of interest to developing countries	-	Malaysia WHO 31st CCPR	paras. 106-112
"Criteria" for setting EMRLs	-	Secretariat USA, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, South Africa 31st CCPR	paras. 85-89
Regulatory practices to Facilitate the Use of Codex Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides	2	Secretariat International Toxicology Information Center 31st CCPR	paras. 113-115
Need for EMRL for toxaphene in fish (discussion paper)	-	Germany 31st CCPR	para. 7
Revision of the Guidelines on Good Laboratory Practice in Pesticide Residue Analysis (discussion paper)	-	The Netherlands, Australia, UK 31st CCPR	para. 99

Annex II

STATUS OF MRLS/EMRL CONSIDERED AT THE SESSION

Code	Commodity	MRL (mg/kg)	Step	Remarks
15	CHLORMEQUAT			
GC 640	Barley	0.5	5	EC: disagreement on residue evaluation
AS 640	Barley straw and fodder, Dry	20	5(a)	
SO 691	Cotton seed	0.5	5	
AF 647	Oat forage (green)	20	5	
AS 647	Oat straw and fodder, Dry	20	5(a)	a
FP 230	Pear	10	5(a)	Canada: proposed to defer till new residue data become available, EC: data base insufficient
SO 495	Rape seed	5	5	
OC 495	Rape seed oil, Crude	0.1 (*)	5	
GC 650	Rye	3	5(a)	
CM 650	Rye bran, Unprocessed	10	5	EC: processing data insufficient
AF 650	Rye forage (green)	20	5	
AS 650	Rye straw and fodder, Dry	20	5(a)	
CF 1251	Rye wholemeal	3	5	
GC 654	Wheat	2	5(a)	
CM 654	Wheat bran, Unprocessed	5	5	EC: processing data insufficient
CF 1211	Wheat flour	0.5	5	EC: processing data insufficient
AS 654	Wheat straw and fodder, Dry	20	5(a)	
CF 1212	Wheat wholemeal	2	5	EC: processing data insufficient
EC: Extrap	polation possible within the whole	cereal group		
17	CHLORPYRIFOS			
FC 1	Citrus fruits	0.3	CXL-D	
FC 1	Citrus fruits	1	8(a)	
22	DIAZINON			
PE 840	Chicken eggs	0.02 (*)	5/8	
PM 840	Chicken meat	0.02 (*)	5/8	
PO 840	Chicken, Edible offal of	0.02 (*)	5/8	
MM 814	Goat meat	2 (fat) V	5	Canada: animal transfer studies required
MO 98	Kidney of cattle, goats, pigs & sheep	0.03 V	5	EC: MRL too low for offal with fat content higher than 4%
MO 99	Liver of cattle, goats, pigs &	0.03 V	5	EC: MRL too low for offal with fat content higher than
MM 97	sheep Meat of cattle, pigs & sheep	2 (fat) V	5(a)	4% Canada: animal transfer studies required
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31	DIQUAT			
AL 1020	Alfalfa fodder	100	8	France: reservation with regard to GAP Spain: reservation because of health effects in cattle
VD 71	Beans (dry)	0.2	8	France: reservation with regard to MRL
AL 1023	Clover	50	8	France: reservation with regard to GAP
OR 691	Cotton seed oil, Edible	0.1	CXL-D	
VD 533	Lentil (dry)	0.2	8	
GC 645	Maize	0.1	CXL-D	
GC 645	Maize	0.05 (*)	8(a)	
GC 647	Oats	2	8	EC: reservation because of intake concerns by infants/children
VD 72	Peas (dry)	0.2	8	
VR 589	Potato	0.2	CXL-D	
VR 589	Potato	0.05	8(a)	
PM 110	Poultry meat	0.05 (*)	8	
PO 111	Poultry, Edible offal of	0.05 (*)	8	
OR 495	Rapeseed oil, Edible	0.1	CXL-D	
GC 649	Rice	5	CXL-D	
GC 649	Rice	10	8(a)	
CM 649	Rice, Husked	0.2	CXL-D	
CM 649	Rice, Husked	1	8(a)	

Code	Commodity	MRL (mg/kg)	Step	Remarks	
OR 700	Sesame seed oil, Edible	0.1	CXL-D		
VD 541	Soya bean (dry)	0.2	8		
SO 702	Sunflower seed	0.5	CXL-D		
SO 702	Sunflower seed	1	8(a)		
OR 702	Sunflower seed oil, Edible	0.1	CXL-D		
OC 172	Vegetable oils, Crude	0.05 (*)	8(a)		
CF 1211	Wheat flour	0.2	CXL-D		
CF 1211	Wheat flour	0.5	8(a)	EC: reservation because of intake concerns by	
				infants/children	

EC: over-summarization of data

Consumers International: opposed to making an assumption that the STMR approach generally reduce the exposure estimate as it did not accord with sound science and that other factors (e.g. children) needed to be taken into account.

39	FENTHION				
FC 3	Mandarins	0.5		6(a)	EC: reservation insufficient trial data, new GAP
OC 305	Olive oil, Virgin	3		6(a)	Greece, Spain: want a lower MRL, will be a new GAP
FC 4	Oranges, Sweet, Sour	0.5		6(a)	EC: reservation, dietary intake concern EC: reservation insufficient data, new GAP
10 4	Oranges, Sweet, Sour	0.5		0(a)	EC. reservation insufficient data, new GAI
51	METHIDATHION				
FB 269	Grapes	0.2		CXL-D	
FB 269	Grapes	1		8(a)	EC: concern on acute intake
FP 230	Pear	0.5		CXL-D	
FP 230	Pear	1		8(a)	EC: concern on acute intake
59	PARATHION-METHYL				
AL 1030	Bean forage (green)	1		6	
VB 0040	Brassica vegetables	0.2		CXL-D	
VB 400	Broccoli	0.2		8(a)	
VB 41	Cabbages, Head	0.2		8(a)	EC: reservation, disagreement with evaluation
AL 1023	Clover	10		6	
AS 0162	Hay or fodder (dry) of grasses	5		6	
GC 0649 AS 0649	Rice Rice straw and fodder, Dry	3 10		6 6	
CM 649	Rice, Husked	10		8	
AV 0596	Sugar beet leaves or tops	0.05	(*)	6	
GC 0654	Wheat	5	()	6	
CM 0654	Wheat bran, Unprocessed	10		6	
AS 0654	Wheat straw and fodder, Dry	10		6	
75	PROPOXUR				
VL 482	Lettuce, Head	3		CXL-D	
VL 482	Lettuce, Head	0.5		5/8(a)	
VR 589	Potato	0.1	(*)	CXL-D	
VR 589	Potato	0.02	(*)	5/8(a)	
81	CHLOROTHALONIL				
FB 264	Blackberries	10		CXL-D	
FC 1	Citrus fruits	5		CXL-D	
VD 534	Lima bean (dry)	0.5		CXL-D	
FB 272	Raspberries, Red, Black	10		CXL-D	
90	CHLORPYRIFOS-METHYL				
GC 640	Barley	10	Po	6	
GC 647	Oats	10	Po	6	
GC 649	Rice	10	Po	6(a)	
95	ACEPHATE				
VB 400	Broccoli	2		5/8	Sweden, EC: concern on acute exposure
VB 41	Cabbages, Head	2		5/8	Sweden, EC: concern on acute exposure
VB 404	Cauliflower	2		5/8	Sweden, EC: concern on acute exposure

Code	Commodity	MRL (mg/kg)	Step	Remarks
VO 448	Tomato	1	5/8	Sweden, EC: concern on acute exposure
	eservation against fast track proced		5/ 0	Sweden, 20. concern on acute exposure
100	METHAMIDOPHOS			
		0.5	<i>5</i> /0	
VB 41	Cabbages, Head	0.5	5/8	
VB 404 FS 247	Cauliflower Peach	0.5 1	5/8	EC, concern on courte expectation
FS 247 FP 9	Pome fruits		5	EC: concern on acute exposure
VO 448	Tomato	0.5 1	6 5	EC: concern on acute exposure
VO 440	Tomato	1	3	Ec. concern on acute exposure
105	DITHIOCARBAMATES			
AM 660	Almond hulls	20 N,z	6	
TN 660	Almonds	0.1 (*) N, Z		
VS 621	Asparagus	0.1 c	6	
FI 327	Banana	2 c	6(a)	EC: limited database
GC 640	Barley	1 c	6	EC: limited database
AS 640	Barley straw and fodder, Dry	25 C, n	6	EC: limited database
VB 41	Cabbages, Head	5 c, N	6	EC: limited database
VR 577	Carrot	1 c	6(a)	EC: limited database
VP 526	Common bean (pods and/or immature seeds)	1 m	W	
VL 510	Cos lettuce	10 n	6	
FB 265	Cranberry	5 c	6	
VC 424	Cucumber	2 c, N	6(a)	
FB 21	Currants, Black, Red, White	10 C, m	6(a)	
MO 105 PE 112	Edible offal (mammalian)	0.1 C, m	6	
VA 381	Eggs Garlic	0.05 (*) c 0.5 c	6 6	
DH 1100	Hops, Dry	30 m	6	
VL 480	Kale	15 c, N	6	
VA 384	Leek	0.5 c	6	EC: classified as stem vegetable in the EC; requires
				higher MRL
VL 482	Lettuce, Head	10 C, N, m		EC: limited database
AS 645 FC 3	Maize fodder Mandarins	2 c 10 c	6 6	EC: limited database
FI 345	Mango	2 c	6	
MM 95	Meat (from mammals other than	0.02 (*) c, m	6	
WIWI 75	marine mammals)	0.02 () c, iii	Ü	
VC 46	Melons, except watermelon	0.5 C, p	6(a)	
ML 106	Milks	0.05 (*) c, m	6	
VA 385	Onion, Bulb	0.5 C, p	6	
FC 4	Oranges, Sweet, Sour	2 c	6	EC: requires higher MRL
FI 350	Papaya	5 c	6	EC: limited database
SO 697	Peanut	0.1 (*) c	6	
AL 697	Peanut fodder	5 c	6	EC: limited database
TN 672	Pecan	0.1 (*) T Z	5	
VO 445	Peppers, Sweet	1 c, n	6	EC: does not cover mancozeb use
FP 9	Pome fruits	5 C, M, H, Z	p, 6(a)	
VR 589	Potato	0.2 c, m, n,	p 6(a)	
PM 110	Poultry meat	0.1 c	6	EC: difference in the evaluation of the database
PO 111	Poultry, Edible offal of	0.1 c	6	EC: difference in the evaluation of the database
VC 429	Pumpkins	0.2 c	6	
VA 389	Spring onion	10 n	6	
VC 431	Squash, Summer	1 c	6	
FS 12	Stone fruits	7 Th, Z	5(a)	EC: poor database on plum
FB 275	Strawberry	5 H	5	
VR 596	Sugar beet	0.5 C, n	6	
AV 596	Sugar beet leaves or tops	20 C, n	6	
VO 447 VO 448	Sweet corn (corn-on-the-cob) Tomato	0.1 (*) c 5 C, m, n,	6 n 6(a)	
VC 432	Watermelon	1 c, N	p 6(a)	
GC 654	Wheat	1 C, n, m	6(a)	
AS 654	Wheat straw and fodder, Dry	25 C, n, m	6	
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Code	Commodity	MRL (mg/kg)	Step	Remarks
VC 433	Winter squash	0.1 c	6	
106	ETHEPHON			
VC 4199 FB 0269 VO 51 FI 353 VO 448	Cantaloupe Grapes Peppers Pineapple Tomato	1 1 30 1 2	6 6 6 6	
112	PHORATE			
VR 577 VR 589	Carrot Potato	0.2 0.2	7C 8	
117	ALDICARB			
VR 589	Potato	0.5	5	EC: acute dietary intake concern
127	PHENOTHRIN			
GC 0640 CM 0649 GC 0651 GC 0654 CM 0654 CF 1211 CF 1210 CF 1212	Barley Rice, Husked Sorghum Wheat Wheat bran, Unprocessed Wheat flour Wheat germ Wheat wholemeal	2 0.1 2 2 5 1 5	CXL-D CXL-D CXL-D CXL-D CXL-D CXL-D CXL-D CXL-D	
178	BIFENTHRIN			
GC 640 MF 812 ML 812 GC 645	Barley Cattle fat Cattle milk Maize	0.05 (*) 0.5 0.05 (*) 0.05 (*)	8 6 6 8	
190	TEFLUBENZURON			
VB 402 VB 41 FS 14 FP 9 VR 589 Germany:	Brussels sprouts Cabbages, Head Plums (including prunes) Pome fruits Potato metabolism studies needed	0.5 0.2 0.1 1 0.05 (*)	5/8 5/8 5/8 5/8 5/8	
192	FENARIMOL			
AB 226 MO 1280 MO 1281 MM 812 DF 269	Apple pomace, Dry Cattle kidney Cattle liver Cattle meat Dried grapes (=currants, raisins and sultanas)	5 0.02 (*) 0.05 0.02 (*) 0.2	8 8 8 8	
FB 269 DH 1100 FS 247 VO 445 FP 9	Grapes Hops, Dry Peach Peppers, Sweet Pome fruits	0.3 5 0.5 0.5 0.3	8 5/8 8 8	
194	HALOXYFOP			
FI 327 PE 840 PM 840 PO 840 FC 1 SO 691 OC 691	Banana Chicken eggs Chicken meat Chicken, Edible offal of Citrus fruits Cotton seed Cotton seed oil, Crude	0.05 (*) 0.01 (*) 0.01 (*) 0.1 0.05 (*) 0.2 0.5	5 5 5 5 5 5 5	Germany: database insufficient Germany: database insufficient

Code	Commodity	MRL (mg/kg)	Step	Remarks
				France: reservation related to concentration factor
AM 1051	Fodder beet	0.3	5	
FB 269	Grapes	0.05 (*)	5	
SO 697	Peanut	0.05	5	
VP 63	Peas (pods and succulent	0.2	5	Germany: database insufficient
	=immature seeds)			
FP 9	Pome fruits	0.05 (*)	5	
VR 589	Potato	0.1	5	Germany: Processing studies required
VD 70	Pulses	0.2	5	France: trial data not clearly related to GAP
SO 495	Rape seed	2	5	
OC 495	Rape seed oil, Crude	5	5	France: reservations related to concentration factor
OR 495	Rapeseed oil, Edible	5	5	
CM 1206	Rice bran, Unprocessed	0.02 (*)	5	
CM 649	Rice, Husked	0.02 (*)	5	
CM 1205	Rice, Polished	0.02 (*)	5	
OC 541	Soya bean oil, Crude	0.2	5	France: reservation related to concentration factor
OR 541	Soya bean oil, Refined	0.2	5	France: reservation related to concentration factor
VR 596	Sugar beet	0.3	5	
SO 702	Sunflower seed	0.2	5	Germany: disagreement with evaluation

Germany: Not in favour of reciprocal use of residue data performed with the racemate or with the R-isomer for derivation of an MRL.

The Netherlands: (1) Regarding the residue definition: add that residue is partially fat-soluble; (2) Regarding LOD: for enforcement purposes prefer to set a limit of 0.05 mg/kg in general. For animal products like meat and eggs 0.02 mg/kg(*) is acceptable; and (3) Because of intake concern animal transfer studies are required.

195	FLUMETHRIN			
MM 812 ML 812	Cattle meat Cattle milk	0.2 (fat) V 0.05 F V	5/8 5/8	
196	TEBUFENOZIDE			
FB 269	Grapes	0.5	5	France: transfer studies from grape to wine not satisfactory
FP 9	Pome fruits	1	5/8	
/	1 Offic fruits	1	5/0	
CM 649	Rice, Husked	0.1	5/8	

Code	Commodity	EMRL (mg/kg)	Step	Remarks
21	DDT			
MM 95	Meat (from mammals other than marine mammals)	n 5 (fat)	5(a)	EC: database insufficient, disagrees residue evaluation

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(Advanced to Step 8 of the Codex Procedure)

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	Commodity	MRL (m	g/kg)	
17	CHLORPYRIFOS			
FC 1	Citrus fruits	2		(a)
21	DIOLAT			
31	DIQUAT	100		
AL 1020		100		
VD 71	Beans (dry)	0.2		
AL 1023	Clover	50		
VD 533	Lentil (dry)	0.2	(4)	(-)
GC 645	Maize	0.05	(*)	(a)
GC 647	Oats	2		
VD 72	Peas (dry)	0.2		()
VR 589	Potato	0.05	(44)	(a)
PM 110	Poultry meat	0.05	(*)	
PO 111	Poultry, Edible offal of	0.05	(*)	
GC 649	Rice	10		(a)
CM 649	Rice, Husked	1		(a)
VD 541	Soya bean (dry)	0.2		
SO 702	Sunflower seed	1		(a)
OC 172	Vegetable oils, Crude	0.05	(*)	(a)
CF 1211	Wheat flour	0.5		(a)
51	METHIDATHION			
FB 269	Grapes	1		(a)
FP 230	Pear	1		(a)
250	Tour	1		(u)
59	PARATHION-METHYL			
VB 400	Broccoli	0.2		(a)
VB 41	Cabbages, Head	0.2		(a)
CM 649	Rice, Husked	1		
112	PHORATE			
VR 589	Potato	0.2		
178	BIFENTHRIN		,	
GC 640	Barley	0.05	(*)	
GC 645	Maize	0.05	(*)	
192	FENARIMOL			
AB 226	Apple pomace, Dry	5		
MO 1280	Cattle kidney	0.02	(*)	
	Cattle liver	0.05		
MM 812	Cattle meat	0.02	(*)	
DF 269	Dried grapes (=currants, raisins and sultanas)	0.2		
FB 269	Grapes	0.3		
FS 247	Peach	0.5		
VO 445	Peppers, Sweet	0.5		

^(*) At or about the limit of determination; and

⁽a) Draft Revised Maximum Residue Limit.

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DRAFT REVISED RECOMMENDED METHODS OF SAMPLING FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH MRLS

(Advanced to Step 8 of the Codex Procedure)

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DRAFT REVISED RECOMMENDED METHODS OF SAMPLING FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH MRLS

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of these sampling procedures is to enable a representative sample to be obtained from a lot, for analysis to determine compliance with Codex Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs).

2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Codex MRLs are intended to ensure good agricultural practices in the use of pesticides and are set at the appropriate levels required to minimize exposure of consumers and animals and to protect crops, food or feeding stuffs.
- 2.2 A Codex MRL for a plant, egg or dairy product takes into account the maximum level expected to occur in a composite sample, which has been derived from multiple units of the treated product and which is intended to represent the average residue level in a lot. A Codex MRL for meat and

^(*) At or about the limit of determination; and

⁽a) Draft Revised Maximum Residue Limit.

other poultry products takes into account the maximum level expected to occur in the tissues of individual treated animals or birds.

2.3 In consequence, MRLs for meat and poultry products apply to a bulk sample derived from a single primary sample, whereas MRLs for plant products, eggs and dairy products apply to a composite bulk sample derived from 1-10 primary samples.

3. SAMPLING PROCEDURES

Notes. (a) The terms used are defined in Annex I and the procedures are shown schematically in Annex II.

(b) ISO recommendations for sampling of grain¹, or other commodities shipped in bulk may be adopted, if required.

3.1 **Precautions to be taken**

Contamination and deterioration of samples must be prevented at all stages, because they may affect the analytical results. Each lot to be checked for compliance must be sampled separately.

3.2 Collection of primary samples

The minimum number of primary samples to be taken from a lot is determined from Table 1. Each primary sample should be taken from a randomly chosen position in the lot, as far as practicable. The primary samples must consist of sufficient material to provide the laboratory sample(s) required from the lot.

Notes. (a) Sampling devices required for grain¹, pulses² and tea³ are described in ISO recommendations and those required for dairy products⁴ are described by the IDF.

3.3 **Preparation of the bulk sample**

3.3.1 Procedure for meat and poultry products (Table 3)

Each primary sample is considered to be a separate bulk sample and it should be mixed well, if practicable.

3.3.2 Procedure for plant products, eggs or dairy products (Tables 4 and 5)

The primary samples should be combined and mixed well, if practicable, to form the bulk sample.

3.3.3 Alternative procedure where mixing to form the bulk sample is inappropriate or impractical

Where units may be damaged (and thus residues may be affected) by the processes of mixing or sub-division of the bulk sample, or where large units cannot be mixed to produce a more uniform residue distribution, the units should be allocated randomly to replicate laboratory samples at the time of taking the primary samples. In this case, the bulk sample is considered to be the sum of the laboratory samples analyzed.

3.4 Preparation of the laboratory sample

Where the bulk sample is larger than is required for a laboratory sample, it should be divided to provide a representative portion. A sampling device, quartering, or other appropriate size reduction process may be used but units of fresh plant products or whole eggs should not be cut or broken. Where required, replicate laboratory samples should be withdrawn at this stage or they may be prepared as in 3.3.3, above. The minimum sizes required for laboratory samples are given in Tables 3 and 4.

3.5 **Sampling record**

The sampling officer must record the nature and origin of the lot; the owner, supplier or carrier of it; the date and place of sampling; and any other relevant information. Any departure from the recommended method of sampling must be recorded. A signed copy of the record must

accompany each replicate laboratory sample and a copy should be retained by the sampling officer.

3.6 Packaging and transmission of the laboratory sample

The laboratory sample must be placed in a clean, inert container which provides secure protection from contamination, damage and leakage. The container should be sealed, the sampling record must be attached and the sample delivered to the laboratory as soon as practicable. Spoilage in transit must be avoided, e.g. fresh samples should be kept cool and frozen samples must remain frozen. Samples of meat and poultry products should be frozen prior to despatch, unless transported to the laboratory before spoilage can occur.

3.7 **Preparation of the analytical sample**

The laboratory sample should be given a unique identifier which, together with the date of receipt and the sample size, should be added to the sample record. The part of the commodity to be analysed^{5,6}, i.e. the analytical sample, should be separated as soon as practicable. Where the residue level must be calculated to include parts which are not analysed, the weights of the separated parts must be recorded.

3.8 Preparation and storage of the analytical portion

The analytical sample should be comminuted, if appropriate, and mixed well, to enable representative analytical portions to be withdrawn. The size of the analytical portion should be determined by the analytical method and the efficiency of mixing. The methods for comminution and mixing should not affect the residues present in the analytical sample. Where appropriate, the analytical sample should be processed under special conditions, e.g. at sub-zero temperature, to minimize adverse effects. Where processing could affect residues and where practical alternative procedures are not available, the analytical portion may consist of whole units, or segments removed from whole units. If the analytical portion thus consists of few units or segments, it is unlikely to be representative of the analytical sample and sufficient replicate portions must be analysed, to indicate the uncertainty of the mean value. If analytical portions are to be stored before analysis, the method and length of time of storage should be such that they do not affect the level of residues present. Additional portions must be withdrawn for replicate and confirmatory analyses, as required.

4. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING COMPLIANCE

- 4.1 Analytical results must be derived from samples which were in a fit state for analysis and they must be supported by acceptable quality control data (e.g. for instrument calibration and pesticide recovery refer to Codex Alimentarius, Volume 2, Section 4.2, "Guidelines on good laboratory practice in pesticide residue analysis"). Results should not be corrected for recovery. Where a residue is found to exceed an MRL, its identity should be confirmed and its concentration must be verified by analysis of one or more additional analytical portions.
- 4.2 The Codex MRL applies to the bulk sample.
- 4.3 The lot complies with a Codex MRL where the MRL is not exceeded by the analytical result(s).
- Where results for the bulk sample exceed the MRL, a decision that the lot is non-compliant must take into account: (i) the range of results obtained from replicate laboratory samples and/or replicate analytical portions, as applicable; and (ii) the accuracy and precision of analysis, as indicated by the supporting quality control data.

Table 1. Minimum number of primary samples to be taken from a lot

		of primary samples from the lot
(a) Meat and poultry products		
a non-suspect lot a suspect lot	1 approximately 6-30	(see note(i), below)
(b) Plant products, eggs and dairy products		
(i) Products, packaged or in bulk, which can be assumed to be well mixed or homogeneous	1	see note (d) under definition of a lot, Annex 1
(ii) Products, packaged or in bulk, which may not be well mixed or homogeneous		see note (ii), below
either:		
Weight of lot, kg		
<50	3	
50-500	5	
>500	10	
or		
Number of cans, cartons or other containers		
in the lot		
1-25	1	
26-100	5	
>100	10	

Notes. (i) If the location of contaminated units within a lot of a meat, dairy or poultry product cannot be determined by visual inspection, the number of samples to be taken from a suspect lot will depend on the degree of confidence required (see Table 2).

(ii) For products comprised of large units, in class A only, the minimum number of primary samples should comply with the minimum number of units required for the laboratory sample (see Table 4).

Table 2. Number of randomly selected primary samples required for a given probability of detecting at least one non-compliance in a lot of meat or poultry product

Incidence of violative	Minimum numb	er of samples (n_0) re	quired to detect			
residues in the lot	a violative	a violative residue with a probability of:				
%	90%	95%	99%			
90	1	-	2			
80	-	2	3			
70	2	3	4			
60	3	4	5			
50	4	5	7			
40	5	6	9			
35	6	7	11			
30	7	9	13			
25	9	11	17			
20	11	14	21			
15	15	19	29			
10	22	29	44			
5	45	59	90			
1	231	299	459			
0.5	460	598	919			
0.1	2302	2995	4603			

Notes. (a) The Table assumes random sampling.

(b) Where number of primary samples indicated in Table 2 is more than about 10% of units in the total lot, the number of primary samples taken may be fewer and should be calculated as follows:

$$n = \frac{n_0}{1 + (n_0 - 1) / N}$$

where n = minimum number of primary samples to be taken

 n_0 = number of primary samples given in Table 2

N = number units, capable of yielding a primary sample, in the lot.

- (c) Where a single primary sample is taken, the probability of detecting a violation is similar to the incidence of violative residues.
- (d) This Table should not be used to determine the probability of detecting a violation in a lot of a plant product. As composite samples are prepared for plant products, the statistical distribution of residues in the lot must be known, to determine the probability.

Table 3. Meat and poultry products: description of primary samples and minimum size of laboratory samples

	laboratory samples					
	Commodity classification	Examples	Nature of primary sample to be taken	Minimum size of each laboratory sample		
Clas	s B, primary food commodities	of animal origin				
1.	Mammalian meats , type 06, green Note: for enforcement of MRLs		des samples must be taken accor	rding to section 2 below.		
1.1	Large mammals, whole or half carcass, usually 10 kg or more	cattle sheep pigs	whole or part of diaphragm, supplemented by cervical muscle, if necessary	0.5 kg		
1.2	Small mammals whole carcass	rabbits	whole carcass or hind quarters	0.5 kg, after removal of skin and bone		
1.3	Mammal meat parts, loose fresh/chilled/frozen packaged or otherwise	quarters chops steaks shoulders	whole unit(s), or a portion of a large unit	0.5 kg, after removal of bone		
1.4	Mammal meat parts, bulk frozen	quarters chops	either a frozen cross-section of a container or the whole (or portions) of individual meat parts	0.5 kg, after removal of bone		
2.	Mammalian fats, including can Note: samples of fat taken as de the whole product, with the corre	scribed in 2.1, 2.2 an	•	compliance of the fat or		
2.1	Large mammals, at slaughter, whole or half carcass usually 10 kg or more	cattle sheep pigs	kidney, abdominal or subcutaneous fat cut from one animal	0.5 kg		
2.2	Small mammals, at slaughter, whole or half carcass <10 kg		abdominal or subcutaneous fat from one or more animals	0.5 kg		
2.3	Mammal meat parts	legs chops	<pre>either visible fat, trimmed from unit(s)</pre>	0.5 kg		
		steaks	or whole unit(s) or portions of whole unit(s), where fat is not trimmable	2 kg		
2.4	Mammal bulk fat tissue	-	units taken with a sampling device from at least 3 positions	0.5 kg		
Clas	Class B, primary food commodities of animal origin					
3.	Mammalian offals, type 06, gro	oup 032				
3.1	Mammal liver, fresh/chilled/frozen	-	whole liver(s), or part of liver	0.4 kg		
3.2	Mammal kidney, fresh/chilled/frozen	-	1 or both kidneys from 1 or more animal	0.2 kg		

	Commodity classification	Examples	Nature of primary sample to be taken	Minimum size of each laboratory sample
3.3	Mammal heart, fresh/chilled/frozen	-	Whole heart(s), or ventricle portion only, if large	0.4 kg
3.4	Other mammal offal, fresh/chilled/frozen	intestines brains	Part or whole unit from 1 or more animals, or a cross- section taken from bulk frozen product	0.5 kg
4.	Poultry meats , type 07, group 0 Note: for enforcement of MRLs		cides samples must be taken accor	rding to section 5 below.
4.1	Bird, large-sized carcass >2 kg	turkey goose mature chicken	thighs, legs and other dark meat	0.5 kg after removal of skin and bone
4.2	Birds, medium-sized carcass $500~\mathrm{g}\text{-}2~\mathrm{kg}$	duckling guinea fowl young chicken	thighs, legs or other dark meat from at least 3 birds	0.5 kg after removal of skin and bone
4.3	Birds, small-sized carcass <500 g carcass	quail pigeon	carcasses from at least 6 birds	0.2 kg of muscle tissue
	D' 1	1000	packaged units, or individual	0.5 kg (after removal
4.4	Bird parts fresh/chilled/frozen, retail or wholesale packaged	legs quarters	parts	of skin and bone)
	fresh/chilled/frozen,	quarters		_
	fresh/chilled/frozen, retail or wholesale packaged s B, primary food commodities of Poultry fats, including carcass f	quarters of animal origin at, type 07, group 0 scribed in 5.1 and 5	parts	of skin and bone)
Clas	fresh/chilled/frozen, retail or wholesale packaged s B, primary food commodities of Poultry fats, including carcass f Note: samples of fat taken as de	quarters of animal origin at, type 07, group 0 scribed in 5.1 and 5	parts 37	of skin and bone)
Clas	fresh/chilled/frozen, retail or wholesale packaged s B, primary food commodities Poultry fats, including carcass f Note: samples of fat taken as de whole product, with the correspo Birds, at slaughter,	quarters of animal origin fat, type 07, group 0 scribed in 5.1 and 5 onding MRLs chickens	parts 37 .2 may be used to determine compunits of abdominal fat from	of skin and bone)
Clas 5.	retail or wholesale packaged s B, primary food commodities Poultry fats, including carcass f Note: samples of fat taken as de whole product, with the correspo Birds, at slaughter, whole or part-carcass	quarters of animal origin Fat, type 07, group 0 scribed in 5.1 and 5 onding MRLs chickens turkeys legs	parts 37 .2 may be used to determine compunits of abdominal fat from at least 3 birds either visible fat, trimmed	of skin and bone) pliance of the fat or the 0.5 kg
Clas 5.	retail or wholesale packaged s B, primary food commodities Poultry fats, including carcass f Note: samples of fat taken as de whole product, with the correspo Birds, at slaughter, whole or part-carcass	quarters of animal origin fat, type 07, group 0 scribed in 5.1 and 5 onding MRLs chickens turkeys legs	parts 27 2.2 may be used to determine compunits of abdominal fat from at least 3 birds either visible fat, trimmed from unit(s) or whole unit(s) or portions of whole unit(s), where fat is	of skin and bone) pliance of the fat or the 0.5 kg 0.5 kg
Class 5. 5.1 5.2	retail or wholesale packaged s B, primary food commodities of Poultry fats, including carcass f Note: samples of fat taken as de whole product, with the corresponding or part-carcass Birds, at slaughter, whole or part-carcass Bird meat parts	quarters of animal origin Fat, type 07, group 0 scribed in 5.1 and 5 onding MRLs chickens turkeys legs breast muscle	parts 37 .2 may be used to determine compunits of abdominal fat from at least 3 birds either visible fat, trimmed from unit(s) or whole unit(s) or portions of whole unit(s), where fat is not trimmable units taken with a sampling device from at least 3	of skin and bone) oliance of the fat or the 0.5 kg 0.5 kg 2 kg
Class 5. 5.1 5.2 5.3	fresh/chilled/frozen, retail or wholesale packaged s B, primary food commodities of Poultry fats, including carcass f Note: samples of fat taken as de whole product, with the corresponsible or part-carcass Birds, at slaughter, whole or part-carcass Bird meat parts Bird fat tissue in bulk	quarters of animal origin Fat, type 07, group 0 scribed in 5.1 and 5 onding MRLs chickens turkeys legs breast muscle	parts 37 .2 may be used to determine compunits of abdominal fat from at least 3 birds either visible fat, trimmed from unit(s) or whole unit(s) or portions of whole unit(s), where fat is not trimmable units taken with a sampling device from at least 3	of skin and bone) oliance of the fat or the 0.5 kg 0.5 kg 2 kg

Class E, processed foods of animal origin

7. Secondary food commodities of animal origin, type 16, group 080 dried meats Derived edible products of animal origin, type 17, group 085 processed animal fats Manufactured food (single ingredient) of animal origin, type 18 Manufactured food (multi-ingredient) of animal origin, type 19

	Commodity classification	Examples	Nature of primary sample to be taken	Minimum size of each laboratory sample
7.1	Mammal or bird, comminuted, cooked canned, dried, rendered, or otherwise processed products, including multi-ingredient products	ham sausage minced beef chicken paste	packaged units, or a representative cross-section from a container, or units (including juices, if any) taken with a sampling device	0.5 kg or 2 kg if fat content <5%

Commodities are classified according to the Codex Alimentarius⁵ Refer to Table 1 to determine the number of primary samples required.

Table 4. Plant products: description of primary samples and minimum size of laboratory samples

	Commodity classification	Examples	Nature of primary samples to be taken	Minimum size of eac laboratory sample
Clas	s A, primary food commodities of p	lant origin		
1.	All fresh fruits, type 1, groups 001-All fresh vegetables, type 2, groups		roup 015 (dry pulses)	
1.1	small sized fresh products units generally < 25 g	berries peas olives	whole units, or packages, or units taken with a sampling device	1 kg
1.2	medium sized fresh products units generally 25-250 g	apples oranges	whole units,	1 kg (at least 10 units)
1.3	large sized fresh products units generally > 250 g	cabbages cucumbers grapes(bunches)	whole units	2 kg (at least 5 units)
2.	Pulses, type 2, group 015 Cereal grains, type 3, group 020 Tree nuts, type 4, group 022 Oilseeds, type 4, group 023	soya beans rice, wheat except coconuts coconuts peanuts		1 kg 1 kg 1 kg 5 units 500 g
	Seeds for beverages and sweets, type 4, group 024	coffee beans		500 g
3.	Herbs, type 5, group 027	fresh parsley others, fresh	whole units	0.5 kg 0.2 kg
	(for dried herbs see: Class D, type 12, in section 5 of this Table)			
	Spices, type 5, group 028	dried	whole units or taken with a sampling device	0.1 kg
Clas	s C, primary animal feed commodit	ies		
4.	Primary feed commodities of plan	t origin , type 11		
4.1	Legume animal feeds, and other forages and fodders		whole units, or units taken with a sampling device	1 kg (at least 10 units)
4.2	Straw, hay and other dried products		units taken with a sampling device	0.5 kg (at least 10 units)
Clas	s D, processed foods of plant origin			
5.	Secondary food commodities of plant products Derived products of plant origin, to miscellaneous products Manufactured foods (single ingred Manufactured foods (multi-ingred animal origin where the ingredient(s)	ype 13, teas, vegeta lient) of plant origi ient) of plant origi	ble oils, juices, by-products for the first state of the first state o	or animal feed and
5.1	Products of high unit value		packages or units taken with a sampling device	0.1 kg*

	Commodity classification	Examples	Nature of primary samples to be taken	Minimum size of each laboratory sample
5.2	Solid products of low bulk density	hops tea	packaged units, or units taken with a sampling device	0.2 kg
5.3	Other solid products	bread flour apple pomace dried fruit	packages or other whole units, or units taken with a sampling device	0.5 kg
5.4	Liquid products	vegetable oils juices	packaged units, or units taken with a sampling device	0.5 l or 0.5 kg

 $^{^{*}}$ A smaller laboratory sample may be taken from a product of exceptionally high value but the reason for doing so should be noted in the sampling record.

Table 5. Egg and dairy products: description of primary samples and minimum size of laboratory samples

	Commodity classification	Examples	Nature of primary samples to be taken	Minimum size of each laboratory sample
Clas	ss B, primary food commoditie	s of animal origin		
1.	Poultry eggs, type 7, group 03	39		
1.1	Eggs, except quail and simils whole or otherwise	ar,	whole eggs, or units taken with a sampling device	12 whole chicken eggs, 6 whole goose or duck eggs
1.2	Eggs, quail and similar		whole eggs	24 whole eggs

2. **Secondary food commodities of animal origin**, type 16, group 082 skimmed milks, evaporated milks and milk powders

Derived edible products of animal origin, type 17, group 086 milkfats, group 087 butters, butteroils, creams, cream powders, caseins, etc.

Manufactured food (single ingredient) of animal origin, type 18, group 090

Manufactured food (multi-ingredient) of animal origin, type 19, group 092 (including products with ingredients of plant origin where the ingredient(s) of animal origin predominates(s))

2.1 Liquid milks, milk powders, evaporated milks and creams, creams, dairy ice creams, yoghurts packaged units, or units taken with a sampling

0.5 l (liquid) or **0.5 kg** (solid)

device

Notes. (i) Evaporated milks and evaporated creams in bulk must be mixed thoroughly before sampling, scraping adhering material from the sides and bottom of containers and stirring well. About 2-3 l should be removed and again stirred well before removing the laboratory sample.

- (ii) Milk powders in bulk should be sampled by passing a dry borer tube through the powder at an even rate.
- (iii) Creams in bulk should be mixed thoroughly with a plunger before sampling but foaming, whipping and churning must be avoided.

2.2	Butter and butteroils	butter, whey butter,	whole or parts of	0.2 kg or 0.2 l
		low fat spreads	packaged units,	
		containing butter fat,	or units taken with a	
		anhydrous butteroil,	sampling device	
		anhydrous milkfat		

Note. Butter in bulk should be sampled with a minimum of 2 cores. Pats or rolls >250g should be quartered and opposite quarters taken as units.

2.3 Cheeses, including processed

cheeses

units 0.3 kg or greater whole units, or units cut **0.5 kg**

with a sampling device

units < 0.3 kg whole units, or units cut $\mathbf{0.3 kg}$

with a sampling device

Note. Cheeses with a circular base should be sampled by making two cuts radiating from the centre. Cheeses with a rectangular base should be sampled by making two cuts parallel to the sides.

2.4 **Liquid, frozen or dried egg** units taken aseptically **0.5 kg products** with a sampling device

Annex I. **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

Analytical portion

A representative quantity of material removed from the analytical sample, of proper size for measurement of the residue concentration.

Note. A sampling device may be used to withdraw the analytical portion.

Analytical sample

The material prepared for analysis from the laboratory sample, by separation of the portion of the product to be analysed^{5,6} and then by mixing, grinding, fine chopping, etc., for the removal of analytical portions with minimal sampling error.

Note. Preparation of the analytical sample must reflect the procedure used in setting Codex MRLs and thus the portion of the product to be analysed may include parts that are not normally consumed.

Bulk sample

For plant products, the combined and well mixed aggregate of the primary samples taken from a lot. For meat, dairy and poultry products, the well mixed primary sample.

Notes. (a) The primary samples must contribute sufficient material to enable all laboratory samples to be withdrawn from the bulk sample.

(b) Where separate laboratory samples are prepared during collection of the primary sample(s), the bulk sample is the conceptual sum of the laboratory samples, at the time of taking the samples from the lot.

Laboratory sample

The sample sent to, or received by, the laboratory. A representative quantity of material removed from the bulk sample.

Notes. (a) The laboratory sample may be the whole or a part of the bulk sample.

- (b) Units should not be cut or broken to produce the laboratory sample(s), except where subdivision of units is specified in Table 3.
- (c) Replicate laboratory samples may be prepared.

Lot

A quantity of a food material delivered at one time and known, or presumed, by the sampling officer to have uniform characteristics such as origin, producer, variety, packer, type of packing, markings, consignor, etc. A suspect lot is one which, for any reason, is suspected to contain an excessive residue. A non-suspect lot is one for which there is no reason to suspect that it may contain an excessive residue.

Notes. (a) Where a consignment is comprised of lots which can be identified as originating from different growers, etc., each lot should be considered separately.

- (b) A consignment may consist of one or more lots.
- (c) Where the size or boundary of each lot in a large consignment is not readily established, each one of a series of wagons, lorries, ship's bays, etc., may be considered to be a separate lot.
- (d) A lot may be mixed by grading or manufacturing processes, for example.

Primary sample

One or more units taken from one position in a lot.

Notes. (a) The position from which a primary sample is taken in the lot should preferably be chosen randomly but, where this is physically impractical, it should be a random position in the accessible parts of the lot.

- (b) The number of units required for a primary sample should be determined by the number of primary samples to be taken from the lot and by the minimum size and number of laboratory samples required.
- (c) For plant, egg and dairy products, where more than one primary sample is taken from a lot, each should contribute an approximately similar proportion to the bulk sample.
- (d) Units may be allocated randomly to replicate laboratory samples at the time of collecting the primary sample(s), in cases where the units are of medium or large size and mixing the bulk sample would not make the laboratory sample(s) more representative, or where the units (e.g. eggs, soft fruit) could be damaged by mixing.
- (e) Where primary samples are taken at intervals during loading or unloading of a lot, the sampling "position" is a point in time.
- (f) Units should not be cut or broken to produce the primary sample(s), except where subdivision of units is specified in Table 3.

Sample

One or more units selected from a population of units, or a portion of material selected from a larger quantity of material.

Sampling

The procedure used to draw and constitute a sample.

Sampling device

(i) A tool such as a scoop, dipper, borer, knife or spear, used to remove a unit from bulk material, from packages (such as drums, large cheeses) or from units of meat or poultry products which are too large to be taken as primary samples. (ii) A tool such as a riffle box, used to prepare a laboratory sample from a bulk sample, or to prepare an analytical portion from an analytical sample.

Notes. (a) Specific sampling devices are described by $ISO^{1,2,3}$ and IDF^4 standards.

(b) For materials such as loose straw or leaves, the hand of the sampling officer may be considered to be a sampling device.

Sampling officer

A person trained in sampling procedures and, where required, authorised by the appropriate authorities to take samples.

Note. The sampling officer is responsible for all procedures leading to and including preparation, packing and shipping of the laboratory sample(s). The officer must understand that consistent adherence to the specified sampling procedures is necessary, must provide complete documentation for samples, and should collaborate closely with the laboratory.

Sample size

The number of units, or quantity of material, constituting the sample.

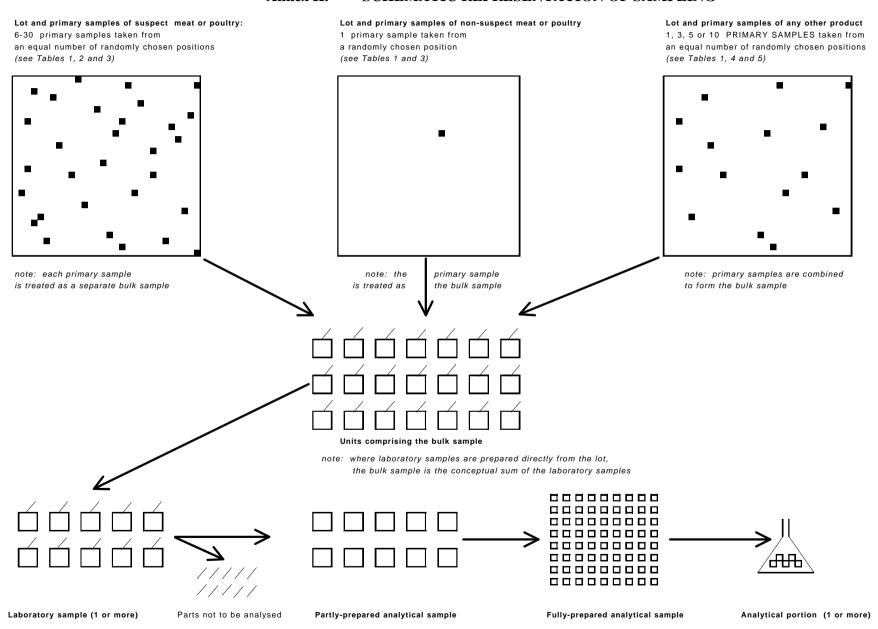
Unit

The smallest discrete portion in a lot, which should be withdrawn to form the whole or part of a primary sample.

Note. Units should be identified as follows.

- (a) Fresh fruit and vegetables. Each whole fruit, vegetable or natural bunch of them (e.g. grapes) should form a unit, except where these are small. Units of packaged small products may be identified as in (d), below. Where a sampling device may be used without damaging the material, units may be created by this means. Individual fresh fruit or vegetables must not be cut or broken to produce units.
- (b) Large animals or parts or organs of them. A portion, or the whole, of a specified part or organ should form a unit. Parts or organs may be cut to form units.
- (c) **Small animals or parts or organs of them**. Each whole animal or complete animal part or organ present may form a unit. Where packaged, units may be identified as in (d), below. Where a sampling device may be used without affecting residues, units may be created by this means.
- (d) **Packaged materials**. The smallest discrete packages should be taken as units. Where the smallest packages are very large, they should be sampled as bulk, as in (e), below. Where the smallest packages are very small, a pack of packages may form the unit.
- (e) **Bulk materials and large packages** (such as drums, cheeses, etc.) which are individually too large to be taken as primary samples. The units are created with a sampling device.

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PROPOSED DRAFT AND PROPOSED DRAFT REVISED MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS FOR PESTICIDES

(Advanced to Step 5 of the Codex Procedure with omission of Steps 6 and 7 for Adoption at Step 8)

Code	Commodity	MRL (mg/k	xg)
22	DIAZINON		
PE 840	Chicken eggs	0.02	(*)
PM 840	Chicken meat	0.02	(*)
PO 840	Chicken, Edible offal of	0.02	(*)
75	PROPOXUR		
VL 482	Lettuce, Head	0.5	(a)
VR 589	Potato	0.02	(*) (a)
95	АСЕРНАТЕ		
VB 400	Broccoli	2	
	Cabbages, Head	2	
VB 404	Cauliflower	2	
VO 448	Tomato	1	
100	METHAMIDOPHOS		
VB 41	Cabbages, Head	0.5	
VB 404	Cauliflower	0.5	
190	TEFLUBENZURON		
VB 402	Brussels sprouts	0.5	
VB 41	Cabbages, Head	0.2	
FS 14	Plums (including prunes)	0.1	
FP 9	Pome fruits	1	
VR 589	Potato	0.05	(*)
192	FENARIMOL		
DH 1100	Hops, Dry	5	
195	FLUMETHRIN		
MM 812	Cattle meat	0.2	(fat) V
ML 812	Cattle milk	0.05	FV
196	TEBUFENOZIDE		
FP 9	Pome fruits	1	
CM 649	Rice, Husked	0.1	
TN 678	Walnuts	0.05	

^(*) At or about the limit of determination;

⁽fat) The MRL applies to the fat of meat;

F The residue is fat soluble and MRLs for milk products are derived as explained in the Explanatory Notes of the *Codex Alimentarius* Volume 2B;

V The MRL accommodates veterinary uses; and

⁽a) Draft Revised Maximum Residue Limit.

PROPOSED DRAFT AND PROPOSED DRAFT REVISED MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS FOR PESTICIDES AND PROPOSED DRAFT REVISED EXTRANEOUS MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMIT

(Advanced to Step 5 of the Codex Procedure)

Code	Commodity	MRL (mg/	/kg)	
15	CHLORMEQUAT			
GC 640	Barley	0.5		
AS 640	Barley straw and fodder, Dry	20		(a)
SO 691	Cotton seed	0.5		
AF 647	Oat forage (green)	20		
AS 647	Oat straw and fodder, Dry	20		(a)
FP 230	Pear	10		(a)
SO 495	Rape seed	5		
OC 495	Rape seed oil, Crude	0.1	(*)	
GC 650	Rye	3		(a)
CM 650	Rye bran, Unprocessed	10		
AF 650	Rye forage (green)	20		
AS 650	Rye straw and fodder, Dry	20		(a)
CF 1251	Rye wholemeal	3		
GC 654	Wheat	2		(a)
CM 654	Wheat bran, Unprocessed	5		
CF 1211	Wheat flour	0.5		
AS 654	Wheat straw and fodder, Dry	20		(a)
CF 1212	Wheat wholemeal	2		
22	DIAZINON			
MM 814	Goat meat	2	(fat) V	
MO 98		0.03	V	
MO 99	Liver of cattle, goats, pigs & sheep	0.03	V	
MM 97	Meat of cattle, pigs & sheep	2	(fat) V	(a)
100	METHAMIDOPHOS			
FS 247		1		
VO 448		1		
105	DITHIOCARBAMATES			
	Pecan	0.1	(*) T Z	
FS 12	Stone fruits	7	Th, Z	
FB 275	Strawberry	5	H H	
117	ALDICARB			
VR589	Potato	0.5		

^(*) At or about the limit of determination;

⁽fat) The MRL applies to the fat of meat;

V The MRL accommodates veterinary uses;

The MRL is temporary, irrespective of the status of the ADI, until required information has been provided and evaluated;

z, h Based on trials with: z, ziram; and h, thiram. Compound in upper case is that on which the MRL is mainly based; and

⁽a) Proposed Draft Revised Maximum Residue Limit or Proposed Draft Revised Extraneous Residue Limit.

Code	Commodity	MRL (mg/	/kg)
194	HALOXYFOP		
FI 327	Banana	0.05	(*)
PE 840	Chicken eggs	0.01	(*)
PM 840	Chicken meat	0.01	(*)
PO 840	Chicken, Edible offal of	0.1	
FC 1	Citrus fruits	0.05	(*)
SO 691	Cotton seed	0.2	
OC 691	Cotton seed oil, Crude	0.5	
AM 1051	Fodder beet	0.3	
FB 269	Grapes	0.05	(*)
SO 697	Peanut	0.05	
VP 63	Peas (pods and succulent=immature	0.2	
	seeds)		
FP 9	Pome fruits	0.05	(*)
VR 589	Potato	0.1	
VD 70	Pulses	0.2	
SO 495	Rape seed	2	
OC 495	Rape seed oil, Crude	5	
OR 495	Rapeseed oil, Edible	5	
CM 1206	Rice bran, Unprocessed	0.02	(*)
CM 649	Rice, Husked	0.02	(*)
CM 1205	Rice, Polished	0.02	(*)
OC 541	Soya bean oil, Crude	0.2	
OR 541	Soya bean oil, Refined	0.2	
VR 596	Sugar beet	0.3	
SO 702	Sunflower seed	0.2	
196	TEBUFENOZIDE		
FB 269	Grapes	0.5	

Code	Commodity	EMRL (1	mg/kg)	
21 MM 95	DDT Meat (from mammals other than marine mammals)	5	(fat)	(a)

^(*) At or about the limit of determination;

⁽fat) The MRL applies to the fat of meat;

V The MRL accommodates veterinary uses;

The MRL is temporary, irrespective of the status of the ADI, until required information has been provided and evaluated;

z, h Based on trials with: z, ziram; and h, thiram. Compound in upper case is that on which the MRL is mainly based; and

⁽a) Proposed Draft Revised Maximum Residue Limit or Proposed Draft Revised Extraneous Residue Limit.

CODEX MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS RECOMMENDED FOR REVOCATION

Code	Commodity	MRL (mg/kg)
81	CHLOROTHALONIL	
FB 264	Blackberries	10
FC 1	Citrus fruits	5
VD 534	Lima bean (dry)	0.5
FB 272	Raspberries, Red, Black	10
127	PHENOTHRIN	
GC 0640	Barley	2
CM 0649	Rice, Husked	0.1
GC 0651	Sorghum	2
GC 0654	Wheat	2
CM 0654	Wheat bran, Unprocessed	5
CF 1211	Wheat flour	1
CF 1210	Wheat germ	5
CF 1212	Wheat wholemeal	2

CODEX MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS TO BE REPLACED BY REVISED MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS

17	CHLORPYRIFOS		
FC 1	Citrus fruits	0.3	
31	DIQUAT		
	Cotton seed oil, Edible	0.1	
GC 645		0.1	
VR 589	Potato	0.2	
OR 495	Rapeseed oil, Edible	0.1	
GC 649	-	5	
CM 649	Rice, Husked	0.2	
OR 700	Sesame seed oil, Edible	0.1	
SO 702	Sunflower seed	0.5	
OR 702	Sunflower seed oil, Edible	0.1	
CF 1211	Wheat flour	0.2	
51	METHIDATHION		
FB 269		0.2	
FP 230	1	0.2	
11 230	i cai	0.5	
59	PARATHION-METHYL		
VB 0040	Brassica vegetables	0.2	
75	DDODOVIJD		
75	PROPOXUR	3	
	Lettuce, Head	_	(*)
VR 589	Potato	0.1	(*)

^(*) At or about the limit of determination.

PRIORITY LIST OF COMPOUNDS SCHEDULED FOR EVALUATION OR REEVALUATION BY JMPR

The lists of compounds to be considered by the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) from 1998 - 2004 follow:

AGENDA OF THE 1998 JMPR

Toxicological evaluations	Residue evaluations
NEW COMPOUNDS	NEW COMPOUNDS
kresoxim-methyl	kresoxim-methyl
PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS	PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS
amitraz (122)	
	amitrole (079) benomyl (069) / carbendazim (072) / thiophanate- methyl (077)
bitertanol (144)	2,4-D (020)
dicloran (083)	demeton-S-methyl (073) / oxydemeton-methyl (166) dicloran (083) dimethoate (027) / omethoate (055) / formothion (042)
diphenylamine (030) endosulfan (032) ethoxyquin (035)	
Canony quant (000)	folpet (041)
methiocarb (132)	maleic hydrazide (102)
EVALUATIONS	EVALUATIONS
bentazone (172)	bentazone (172)
dinocap (087)	dinocap (087)
	disulfoton (074) glufosinate-ammonium (175)
	hexythiazox (176)
	myclobutanil (181)
phosmet (103)	
	procymidone (136) quintozene (064)
	tebufenozide (196)
thiophanate-methyl (077)	,

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE 1999 JMPR

Toxicological evaluations	Residue evaluations
NEW COMPOUNDS	NEW COMPOUNDS
pyrifenox pyriproxyfen	pyrifenox pyriproxyfen
PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS	PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS
chlorpyrifos (017) dimethipin (151)	bitertanol (144) diflubenzuron (130)
ethoprophos (149) imazalil (110)	ethoxyquin (035) fenamiphos (085)
permethrin (120) 2-phenylphenol (056) propargite (113)	malathion (049) methiocarb (132) 2-phenylphenol (056)
pyrethrins (063)	
EVALUATIONS	EVALUATIONS
	buprofezin (173) clethodim (187) ethephon (106) ethion (034) fenpropimorph (188) fenpyroxymate (193) phosalone (060)
PTU (150)	pnosaione (000)

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE 2000 JMPR

Toxicological evaluations	Residue evaluations
NEW COMPOUNDS	NEW COMPOUNDS
chlorpropham	fipronil
PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS	PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS
acephate (95) deltamethrin (135) dodine (084) fenitrothion (037) methamidiphos (100)	amitraz (122) captan (007)* chlorpyriphos (017) cypermethrin (118) diphenylamine (030) endosulfan (032) methomyl (094) / thiodicarb (154) parathion (058) parathion-methyl (059) piperonyl butoxide (62) pyrethrins (063)
vamidothion (078) EVALUATIONS	EVALUATIONS
fipronil	aldicarb (117) chlorfenvinphos (14) chlormequat (15) DDT (21) fenthion (39)

^{*}Availability of data to be confirmed

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE 2001 JMPR

Toxicological evaluations	Residue evaluations
NEW COMPOUNDS	NEW COMPOUNDS
esfenvalerate* spinosad	chlorpropham imidacloprid spinosad
PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS	PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS
mecarbam (124) methoprene (147) oxamyl (126)	carbaryl (8) dimethipin (151) dodine (084) ethoprophos (149) fenitrothion (037) imazalil (110)
	permethrin (120)
prochloraz (142) triazophos (143)	propargite (113)
EVALUATIONS	EVALUATIONS
lindane (48)	diquat (31)

^{*}Replacement chemical for fenvalerate.

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE 2002 JMPR

Toxicological Evaluations	Residue Evaluations
NEW COMPOUNDS	NEW COMPOUNDS
	esfenvalerate*
PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS	PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS
cyhexatin (67)	acephate (095)
	deltamethrin (135)
	methamidophos (100)
	oxamyl (126) pirimiphos-methyl (086)
	procloraz (142)
propamocarb (148)	
	triazophos (143)
	vamidothion (078)
EVALUATIONS	EVALUATIONS
tolylfluanid (162)	tolylfluanid (162)

^{*}Replacement chemical for fenvalerate

April 1998

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE 2003 JMPR

Toxicological Evaluations	Residue Evaluations
NEW COMPOUNDS	NEW COMPOUNDS
PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS	PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS
bendiocarb (137)	cyhexatin (67) lindane (48) mecarbam (124) methoprene (147) propamocarb (148) propineb

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE 2004 JMPR

Toxicological Evaluations	Residue Evaluations
NEW COMPOUNDS	NEW COMPOUNDS
PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS	PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS
	bendiocarb (137)

April 1998

ANNEX

CANDIDATE COMPOUNDS FOR PERIODIC REVIEW NOT YET SCHEDULED

azocyclotin ¹	metalaxyl ³
chinomethionat ²	phorate ¹
clofentazine ¹	pirimicarb ⁴
cyhalothrin ³	phosphamidon ¹
fenvalerate ³	triadimefon ⁵
flucythrinate ⁴	triforine (residues) ⁴
glyphosate ¹	paraquat ²

- 1 Availability of adequate data package to be confirmed.
- 2 New candidate compound for periodic review.
- 3 Not supported for periodic reevaluation. However, there is support for MRLs based on the use of specific enantiomers/isomers.
- 4 Awaiting scheduling date for review in the European Community.
- 5 Is supported for periodic review.