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Comments on Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or other subsidiary bodies, submitted by European Union and Kenya

European Union

Mixed Competence

European Union Vote

CCPR and CCRVDF

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) welcome the proposal to explore ways for a better collaboration between the two Committees, CCPR and CCRVDF, in particular with a view to the parallel efforts made to also harmonise the procedures between JMPR and JECFA as regards exposure assessment of dual use substances.

Kenya

Matters for action

Biopesticides, biofertilizers and biostimulants

Chile requested guidance from the Commission on how the current lack of definitions and recommendations for biopesticides, biofertilizers and biostimulants should be addressed including the option of presenting a discussion paper on the subject to a suitable subsidiary body of the Commission. Although no problems were detected in trade currently, it could not be ruled out that this might be the case in future because of the different legislation initiatives that were currently taking place to address the use and safety of these products, therefore such international guidance was required to ensure a harmonized approach to regulating these products. This would also be in line with.

Position: Kenya appreciates Chile for the issue raised on biopesticides, biofertilizers and biostimulants. This is in line with the Strategic Plan (2014–2019) strategic objective 1.2 on identification of emerging issues. Kenya is looking forward to consider the discussion paper to be developed by Chile based on the recommendation by CAC40 for consideration by the Committee on Food Labeling (CCFL), Committee on Pesticides Residues (CCPR) and Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF).

Rationale: the lack of harmonized guidance on definitions and recommendations on biopesticides, biofertilizers and biostimulants is an emerging issue and might become an area of future trade challenges. This is especially due to the increasing use of these products to improve agricultural productivity.

Matters arising from the 73rd session of the Executive Committee on CCPR and CCRVDF

Position: Kenya notes that the work of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs (CCRVDF) included compounds used as both veterinary drugs and pesticides. We further note that CCRVDF and CCPR could potentially be organized back-to-back and that the next opportunity would be 2020. We agree to the encouraged closer collaboration between CCRVDF and CCPR when considering MRLs for compounds used as both veterinary drugs and pesticides.

Rationale: the back-to-back meeting will ensure harmonized conclusion compounds used as both veterinary drugs and pesticide residues.