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CX/PR 23/54/5

MRLs for Pesticides in Food and Feed (at Steps 7 and 4)

China would like to thank JMPR and appreciates its excellent work in establishing Codex MRLs.

As the health risks to children and the general population, China opposes the advancement of relevant proposed MRLs (MRLs relates to **bifenthrin (178) in Group of Pome fruits, dimethoate (027) /omethoate (055) in Subgroup of Oranges, and mefenfluroconazole (320) in Subgroup of Leafy greens, and Subgroup of Leaves of Brassicaceae**) to Step 5/8.

Difenoconazole (224) (relate to AGENDA ITEM 7)

China kindly requests the correction on the commodity names of “(VR 2950) Pencil yam” and “(DV 2950) Pencil yam, dried” for which MRLs recommended by JMPR2022. We realized that there had been an editorial error for the English translation of the crop names in the data we submitted. The correct commodity names in English should be “Pseudoginseng” and “Pseudoginseng, dried”, respectively.

Meanwhile, as Pseudoginseng is different from Ginseng significantly, and different pesticide residue levels may occur in two commodities, China would like to propose to give a new code for “Pseudoginseng”, and add a new commodity with code for “Pseudoginseng, dried” in the Processed Foods of Plant Origin (Class D).

We apologize for all the inconvenience caused during discussion on relevant Agenda items.

Relevant information on Pseudoginseng is as follows:

Pseudoginseng

English Name: Pseudoginseng

Latin name: Panax.Panaxpseudoginseng

Pseudoginseng	
Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Plantae
(unranked):	Angiosperms
(unranked):	Eudicots
(unranked):	Asterids
Order:	Apiales
Family:	Araliaceae
Genus:	<i>Panax</i>
Subgenus:	<i>Panax</i>
Section:	<i>Pseudoginseng</i>
Species:	<i>P. pseudoginseng</i>
Binomial name	
<i>Panax pseudoginseng</i>	
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Panax pseudoginseng is a species of the genus *Panax*. Common names include Pseudoginseng, Nepal ginseng, and Himalayan ginseng. Pseudoginseng belongs to the same scientific genus as ginseng. In Latin, the word panax means "cure-all", and the family of ginseng plants is one of the most well-known herbs. *Panax pseudoginseng* is not an adaptogen like the better known *Panax* species, but it is famous as a hemostatic herb that both invigorates and builds blood.

Agenda item 7

Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed

China thanks the EWG for its hard efforts and the tremendous work done, and thanks EWG for the adoption of the comments from China on the revision of the classification. The Chinese delegation supports to integrate CXG 41-1993 into the classification and then withdraw the CAG 41-1993.

Agenda item 12

CX/PR 23/54/14

Monitoring the purity and stability of certified reference material of multiclass pesticides during prolonged storage

The Chinese delegation acknowledges the achievements of the eWG and proposes the following suggestions:

Pesticide certified reference materials (CRMs) should be strictly used in accordance with their expiration date during testing work. After the expiration date, it is necessary to clearly define the value or purpose of using as quality control materials (QCMS), as well as the acceptable pre-conditions that may affect the analysis results. At the same time, the requirements and limitations of using such materials should be taken into consideration.