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*GUIDELINES FOR THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING,  
LABELLING AND MARKETING OF ORGANICALLY PRODUCED FOODS:  
PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORK: DELETION OF ROTENONE FROM ANNEX 2*

## GOVERNMENT COMMENTS

### COMMENTS FROM:

CANADA

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**CANADA:**

Canada is pleased to provide the following comments on CX/FL 08/36/7 concerning the deletion of rotenone in the *Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods*.

Canada would like to note that before a substance is added to its Permitted Substance List, it has undergone an evaluation process against criteria appropriate to meet Canada's needs and circumstances. As such, Canada would like to remind the Committee that the intent of the Annex is an indicative list meant to provide guidance on substances which might be used by national authorities. Again, each country must evaluate, against the established criteria, whether or not it is appropriate to use a particular substance, given their regional circumstances.

Based on current science and re-evaluation, the use of rotenone is currently being phased out in Canada, except for piscicidal uses. Therefore, Canada can support the deletion from Annex 2, Permitted Substances for the Production of Organic Foods, Table 2: Substances For Plant Pest and Disease Control.