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COMMENTS FROM BRAZIL

- a) The food legislation, elaborated and published by ANVISA and MAPA, takes into consideration the Codex Alimentarius Standards;
- b) In general there are no records of any specific case in which the Codex standards were denied.
- c) The difficulties Brazil has experienced in the use or application of Codex standards are related to the necessity of adjusting them to its national and regional reality. Thus, the Codex standards are used as references or guidelines to create national legislation, not always being possible its full adoption. In some cases, particularly the establishment of maximum residue limits for pesticides there aren't Codex MRL established for a great number of compounds for the cultures of interest of Brazil.
- d) ANVISA and MAPA consider Codex standards and its related texts very important as a basis for legislations and regulations harmonization, and for economic integration.