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ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

Premeeting of the eWG on Guidelines for compounds of low public health concern that may be exempted from the establishment of Codex MRLs or do not give rise to residues (CX/PR 21/52/12)



Background

CCPR51 (2019) considered the discussion paper presented by Chile and agreed to recommend new work to provide an international reference for harmonized concepts and criteria for the recognition of this set of pesticides.

CAC42 (2019) approved the new work as contained in the project document submitted by CCPR.

The proposed guidelines would be developed through an EWG, chaired by Chile and co-chaired by India and the United States of America, working in English and Spanish, with the following terms of reference:



Terms of reference

- a) To develop common criteria for the identification of compounds of low public health concern that may be exempted of CXLs and/or that do not give rise to residues.
- b) Provide harmonized Codex definitions as appropriate.
- c) Provide examples of compounds that meet the criteria to facilitate the development of the guidelines (such examples will not necessarily remain in the final document).
- d) Based on the above considerations, present a proposed Guidelines for consideration at CCPR52



Work progress

The EWG was joined by several member countries and observer organizations and 1 member organization (EU). The list of participants is provided in Appendix II

2019 – 2020 the EWG worked through an online platform and according to a work schedule that included two rounds of internal comments. A total of 9 member countries and 3 observer organizations provided comments. As result a revised draft was presented to the CCPR52.

In view of the rescheduling of CCPR52 from 2020 to 2021 due to the COVID19 pandemic, CL 2020/14-PR was circulated among members to collect comments.



Work progress

Comments received in reply to CL 2020/14-PR were considered by the EWG Chairs to prepare an improved draft of the guidelines presented in Appendix I of CX/PR/52/12, for further discussion by the EWG.

The EWG continued to work during 2020 – 2021 to provide a revised draft for consideration by CCPR52. This stage included one round of comments within the EWG and a total of 8 member countries and 1 observer organization provided observations.

Valuable suggestions were also received for the definitions section.



Work progress

Examples of compounds.

In the second round of comments, members and observers were requested to provide some examples of compounds for each criterion. These examples have been included in the Annex of the proposed Guidelines as supporting information to facilitate the consideration of the Guidelines.



Proposed Guidelines

**GUIDELINES FOR COMPOUNDS OF LOW PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN
THAT MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CODEX MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS
OR DO NOT GIVE RISE TO RESIDUES**

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Work progress

May 2021, CL 2021/38 / OCS-PR Request for Comments on the Guidelines (at Step 3)

CX/PR 21/52/12-Add.1 (Australia, Canada, Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Thailand, USA, CLI, FDE)

CRD 4 Comments from The Philippines

CRD 5 Comments from Kenya

CRD 6 Comments from Japan



Work progress

Proposed recommendation to CCPR52:

To consider the Guidelines for compounds of low public health concern that may be exempted from the establishment of codex maximum residue limits or do not give rise to residues and advancing it to the step 5

Reestablish the eWG working in English and Spanish with the following ToR (TBD)

