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Maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pesticides in food and feed (in steps 7 and 4)

Management of unsupported and non-public health concern compounds scheduled for periodic review

The above-mentioned countries, members of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC), appreciate the work carried out by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR), in its capacity as a risk assessment body.

We wish to express our concern about the revocation of the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) of some periodic review compounds indicated in circular CL 2025/35-PR. By way of example, we mention: Folpet, Fosmet, Prochloraz, and there may be others. The revocation of these MRLs may have negative consequences on trade in many products of relevance to the region.

The JMPR Report 2024¹ indicates that in some cases the number of trials was insufficient to estimate the MRL, thus recommending its revocation.

Taking into consideration that these compounds are not of concern to health, it is requested to evaluate the possibility of them being treated within the Electronic Group of "Management of Compounds without support and that are not a cause for concern in public health scheduled for periodic review".

The application of the Management Procedure for unsupported compounds (Appendix I of document CX/PR 25/56/9) will enable member states to search for alternatives to obtain the data packages necessary for the JMPR to provide MRL recommendations for such compounds.

¹ JMPR, Report 2024 <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240113954>.