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Codex members and observers wishing to submit comments on the recommendations in paragraph 14 should do so as instructed in CL 2025/40-PR available on the Codex webpage¹

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to the previous discussions at sessions of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR), including relevant circular letters (CLs) as follows²:
 - CCPR48 (2016) ([REP16/PR48](#), paragraphs 178, 180-181)
 - CCPR49 (2017) ([REP17/PR49](#), paragraphs 174-177)
 - CCPR50 (2018) ([REP18/PR50](#), paragraphs 154-157)
 - CCPR51 (2019) ([REP19/PR51](#), paragraphs 216-233)
 - CCPR52 (2021) ([REP21/PR52](#), paragraphs 236-239)
 - CCPR53 (2022) ([REP22/PR53](#), paragraphs 207-215)
 - CCPR54 (2023) ([REP23/PR54](#), paragraphs 227-230)
 - CCPR55 (2025), ([REP24/PR55](#), paragraphs 239-247)
 - [CL 2018/17-PR](#)
 - [CL 2018/50-PR](#)
 - [CL 2021/97-PR](#)
 - [CL 2023/25-PR](#)
 - [CL 2023/86-PR](#)
 - [CL 2024/47-PR](#)
2. The reports of CCPR's sessions and relevant CLs can be found on the Codex/CCPR website. Further information on the latest developments on the national registration database can be found in the working document submitted to CCPR55 (2024), namely, [CX/PR 24/55/8](#).
3. The 55th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR55, 2024) noted the continued support for the work and the development of the national registration database (NRD). The Committee agreed to transfer this work to the Electronic Working Group (EWG) on Unsupported Compounds (see Agenda item 8.1). The EWG should undertake the following tasks in addition to those related to unsupported compounds:

¹ Codex webpage/Circular Letters:
<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>.

Codex webpage/CCPR/Circular Letters:
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCPR>

² Codex webpage/CCPR/Circular Letters:
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/pt/>

Reports of CCPR's session are available on the Codex website:
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-meetings/en/?committee=CCPR>

- (i) continue developing the NRD with compounds that will go each year to Table 2B, i.e., compounds that meet the “15-year rule” but have not yet been listed for periodic review, of the priority list of pesticides for evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR), and
- (ii) consider the compounds listed in Group 3 from the 2024 exercise to seek support for their periodic review.

WORK PROCESS

4. Several member countries, observer organizations, and a Member Organization joined the EWG. The list of participants is presented in Appendix II.
5. The EWG focused on developing the NRD with compounds that were moved to Table 2B: Periodic review list (pesticides that have been last evaluated 15 years ago or more, but not yet scheduled or listed for periodic review) of the priority list in 2025. Those compounds last received their JMPR complete toxicological evaluation in 2008 or 2009. No further work was conducted on the 38 compounds in Group 3 of the NRD exercise, which was completed in 2024, and will be considered by the EWG on unsupported compounds in due course. The summary information obtained for these compounds is available in CX/PR 24/55/8, presented at CCPR55 in 2024.
6. Chile, Australia, Ecuador, India, and Kenya, as Chair/co-Chairs of the EWG, prepared the worksheet on the National Registration Database, which was published on the Codex online forum on November 18, 2024. The worksheet provided member countries participating in the EWG with a deadline of 31 January 2025 to submit their national registration information, as outlined in the instructions provided.
7. To facilitate the submission of responses by the EWG members, the worksheet presented for comments consisted of a simplified exercise that included compounds with their most recent JMPR toxicological evaluation in 2008 or 2009.
 - (i) The compounds last evaluated in 2008 were hexythiazox (176), azoxystrobin (229), chlorantraniliprole (230), mandipropamid (231), Prothioconazole (232), spinetoram (233), spirotetramat (234)
 - (ii) The compounds last evaluated in 2009 were chlorothalonil (81), bifenthrin (178), cycloxydim (179), fluopicolide (235), and metaflumizone (236).
8. Following the generous offer made at CCPR55, Germany contributed with its valuable experience and expertise in preparing the EWGs' work for 2025.
9. The compilation of responses received from the EWG members is presented in Appendix I of this document.

CONCLUSIONS

10. Comments were received from Poland, France, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Uruguay, Chile, Costa Rica, Thailand, Australia, Spain, and India. Therefore, only 11 Codex Member countries out of the 27 member countries registered in the EWG responded to the EWG call for information. The level of participation in the EWG was not optimal, possibly indicating a lack of interest in the continued development of the NRD.
11. Of the 13 compounds included in the worksheet, all have national registrations in at least 3 of the 11 countries that submitted their responses to the EWG. Azoxystrobin and chlorantraniliprole are registered for multiple uses in all 11 countries that submitted their responses to the EWG. Metaflumizone and spirodiclofen were registered in the fewest countries and are registered for use in only three of the member countries that participated in the study.
12. Regardless of the results presented in the previous paragraphs, and considering the EWG, even if it was limited in membership compared with the whole Codex membership, it did have a good geographical spread of members, it was not feasible to present representative conclusions at the global level, due to the low level of responses submitted by the EWG members. This outcome is similar to that observed in recent years, when information was requested via circular letters to populate the NRD.
13. It is acknowledged that this exercise did not include all Codex members via a circular letter. However, based on previous exercises with compounds in Groups 1, 2, and 3 (see CX/PR 24/55/8), the responses from Codex members have generally been low, with a predominant contribution from European countries. Due to the low number of responses and regional bias, progress in this exercise has been challenging over the years, despite refining the Excel sheets at each exercise to facilitate data submission. Therefore, it was considered more effective to suspend this exercise temporarily and to resume it on an ad hoc basis when considering support for unsupported compounds without public health concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. CCPR is invited to consider the following:

- (i) To suspend the NRD-related work until it becomes necessary to support specific requests for information on unsupported compounds with no public health concern,
- (ii) Request views from Codex members on any other suggestions regarding management of the NRD in the future.

APPENDIX I**Comments in reply to the EWG****(For information):****Excel sheets are available in the original language only**

Downloadable from: https://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/CL/NRD_CCPR56.xlsx

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