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#### Agenda item 7a

CX/PR 23/54/6

#### **Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed: Class B – Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin and Class E - Processed Foods of Animal Origin (All Types) (at Step 4)**

Guyana notes the submission for revision to include 'MISCELLANEOUS PRIMARY FOOD COMMODITIES OF ANIMAL ORIGIN' in the CXA 4-1989 for the inclusion of honey and other bee product as well as the revision Class E to include two additional groups including Dried avian muscle and other avian products and request the Committee to provide all members with relevant technical support allowing for effective inclusion and management at the national level, considering that this type of support is much needed by low and middle income countries and countries with economies in transition.

#### Agenda item 7b

CX/PR 23/54/7

#### **Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed: Tables on examples of representative commodities for commodity groups in different types under Class B and Class E (at Step 4) (for inclusion in the Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of MRLs for Pesticides to Commodity Group (CXG 84-2012))**

Guyana having considered the consensus on implementation at the previous meeting of the Committee for Group 006 and Group 023 and as is the call from other countries in GRULAC region request technical support to allow for countries in the region to conduct relevant evaluations to ensure satisfaction of the MRLs for the stated commodities. Additionally, the Government of Guyana has developed its national food safety legislation to support the implementation of the work of the Codex Committee.

1. Group 006 Assorted tropical and sub-tropical fruits - inedible peel

Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): Whole fruit unless qualified: e.g.

- Banana after removal of crown tissue and stalks.

- Pineapple after removal of crown.

- Avocado, mangos, and similar fruit with hard seeds: Whole commodity after removal of stone but residue calculated and expressed on whole fruit.

2. Group 023 Oilseeds and oil fruits

Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed):

- Oilseeds: Unless otherwise specified, seed or kernels, with shell or husk.

- Peanuts: Kernels
- Castor beans: Whole product after removal of capsules
- Cotton seeds: Undelinted
- Oil fruits: Whole commodity

**Agenda item 7d****CX/PR 23/54/9****Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed: Review the Guidelines on Portion of Commodities to which MRLs apply and which is analysed (CXG 41-1993) with a comparison to the Classification of Food and Feed**

Guyana supports the position that Classification of Food and Animal Feed (CXA 4-1989) should take precedence over Guidelines on portion of commodities to which MRLs apply and which is analyzed (CXG 41-1993) and that the changes to the Classification as indicated in CX/PR 23/54/8. Additionally, Guyana supports the implementation of paragraph 11, for Group 006 – Assorted tropical and sub-tropical fruits (inedible peel) and Group 023 Oilseeds and oil fruits and request that the relevant guidance documents follow to allow for implementation at the national level.

**Agenda item 9****CX/PR 23/54/11****Management of Unsupported Compounds without Public Health Concern Scheduled for Periodic Review**

Guyana supports the proposal for the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review described as presented in Section 1 of Appendix I, and request that the Codex, FAO/WHO, JMPR, governments and industry to further assist countries in implementing the proposed management approach as presented in Section 2 of Appendix I.

**Agenda item 10****CX/PR 23/54/12****National registrations of pesticides**

Guyana supports the recommendations as presented in CX/PR 23/54/12. These are as follows:

- (i) Support the approach and timelines to review of the NRD as explained in paragraphs 13-14;
- (ii) Provide replies to CL 2023/25-PR(Rev) in order to progress on this exercise i.e., fill the NRD in order to support the periodic review of unsupported compounds with no public health concern which are no longer be supported by the manufacturer; and
- (iii) Provide any further suggestion to help filling the NRD as requested in CL 2023/25-PR(Rev).