



CCPR53

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are all well. I am pleased to formally welcome you to the **53rd Session of CCPR**, which will be held virtually from **4 to 8 July, 2022**. The adoption of the report will take place on Wednesday, 13 July 2022.

This will be the second time that the CCPR has been held virtually, with a three-hour schedule each day (from 13.00 to 16.00 hours CEST). Since the time is limited compared to face-to-face sessions, based on the lessons learnt from last virtual session, holding pre-meetings is a good strategy to facilitate consensus building and to solve most technical issues.

I would like to inform you that there will be two pre-meetings on June 27 and 28 from 13.00 – 16.00 CEST. Thanks to the CCPR secretariat, the interpretation of English, French and Spanish will be provided to facilitate discussion.

June 27

- Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed: Agenda Items 7 (a-b-c-d) (1.5 hours)
- Coordination of work between CCPR and CCRVDF: Joint CCPR/CCRVDF Working Group on Compounds for Dual Use – Status of work (1.5 hours).

June 28:

- 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 (1 hour).
- Engagement of JMPR in parallel reviews of new compounds: Criteria for selecting the global project manager for the parallel review process (1 hour).
- Management of unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review (1 hour).

The virtual platform will limit our ability to get together outside of plenary for informal discussions, so it is important that we use the time allocated every day to find consensus and advance the work currently in the Step procedure. As there will be a very busy agenda before us, we have to give priority to some of the most important agenda items (e.g. MRLs in the Step procedure, Schedule and Priority Lists of Pesticides for JMPR evaluation, etc.), while other Agenda Items will be processed as planned.

The better we prepare for the virtual meeting, the easier it will be to make progress. I encourage you to explore the [webpage of CCPR53](#) for additional information on the documents available and regarding arrangements for the Meeting.

As the new Chair of CCPR, I hope to contribute my knowledge and experience to a successful meeting under the support from you and the Codex Secretariat. If you have any questions, please contact us at codex@fao.org or ccpr@agri.gov.cn.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Best Regards,

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Chair of CCPR

