







Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am delighted to welcome all of you to the 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR54), which will take place in physical mode with the adoption of the report from 26 June to 1 July 2023, Monday to Saturday, in Beijing.

For the purpose of making the session more accessible, CCPR54 will be broadcast via Zoom in listening mode in English, French, Spanish and Chinese. However, interventions can only be made by delegates present in plenary.

Please note that all delegates participating in person in the plenary session should provide their information through the Codex Online Registration System via Codex Contacts Points as soon as possible, which will help the formal visa application process if necessary.

I would like to inform you that there will be two pre-meetings of WGs to facilitate the consideration and resolution of the matters raised in the relevant working papers by CCPR. The participation of Codex members is therefore of importance. The meetings will be conducted in English only.

On Wednesday, **21 June** (13:00 - 16:00 CEST), there will be two WGs on the Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed and the Management of unsupported compounds without public health concerns scheduled for periodic review

On Thursday, **22 June** (13:00 – 16:00 CEST), there will be a WG on the Coordination of work between CCPR and CCRVDF: Compounds with dual use as pesticide and veterinary drugs – harmonization of risk management and assessment practices for the establishment of harmonized/single MRLs for foods of animal origin

All working documents have been distributed for comment in advance of the session and members are encouraged to submit comments in preparation for CCPR54 through the Codex Online Commenting System via Codex Contact Points. The documents from the virtual working group meetings will also be available on the CCPR54 webpage as soon as they are finalized during the week of CCPR54. Please explore the CCPR54 webpage regularly for all the relevant working documents and other information related to CCPR54.

Serving as the new Chairperson of CCPR, I truly hope to contribute my knowledge and experience to a fruitful and successful session to protect consumer health and ensure fair trade practices by developing more standards with the support of you and the Codex Secretariat.

If you have any questions, please contact us at codex@fao.org or ccpr@agri.gov.cn.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in June in person in Beijing or on Zoom.

Best Regards,

Yours sincerely

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