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ENGAGEMENT OF JMPR IN PARALLEL REVIEWS OF NEW COMPOUNDS: CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE GLOBAL PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE PARALLEL REVIEW PROCESS

Comments in reply to CL 2022/38-PR

Comments of Canada, Chile, Egypt, European Union (EU), Ghana, Kenya, Philippines

Background

1. This document compiles comments received through the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) in response to CL 2022/38-PR¹ issued in May 2022. Under the OCS, comments are compiled in the following order: general comments are listed first, followed by comments on specific sections.

Explanatory notes on the appendix

2. The comments submitted through the OCS are hereby attached in the **Annex I** and are presented in table format.

¹ Codex circular letter, including CL 2022/38-PR, are available on the Codex webpage/Circular Letters:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

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GENERAL COMMENTS

| COMMENT | MEMBER / OBSERVER |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As chair of the EWG, Canada strongly supports the engagement of JMPR in parallel reviews and understands the importance of the role of the global manager and that the success of the parallel review depends on the capacity of the manager to closely collaborate with all involved parties, and to ensure milestones/timelines are met. 2. All potential candidates must meet the proposed competencies and qualifications as outlined in the circular letter in order to fully appreciate and understand the review process and regulatory framework of each participant in the parallel review, as well as facilitate, where necessary, any discussions on differences in interpretation of the residue chemistry and toxicology data. The potential candidate must also be available for the duration of the parallel review. 3. While the selection of a global project manager is a critical component in initiating a JMPR parallel review, this initiative cannot proceed unless a new compound is nominated by a sponsor for consideration in the pilot. | Canada |
| <p>Chile agradece los esfuerzos del Grupo de Trabajo Electrónico, como también de la consideración que se dio a los comentarios presentado en las dos rondas de observaciones.</p> <p>De acuerdo con lo anterior, Chile apoya lo criterios propuestos para seleccionar al gerente de proyecto global para el proceso de revisión paralela, presentados en el Apéndice I del documento CX/PR 22/53/12.</p> | Chile |
| Egypt appreciates the work done in the document and agrees on mentioned considerations | Egypt |
| <p>The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group (eWG) chaired by Canada and co-chaired by Costa Rica and Kenya for the preparation of the Criteria for selecting the global project manager for the parallel review process.</p> <p>The EUMS acknowledge that the draft paper provides a good basis for further discussions at the forthcoming CCPR meeting.</p> <p>The EUMS, at this stage, do not have further comments.</p> | European Union |
| <p><u>Position:</u> We commend the EWG, chaired by Canada and co-chaired by Costa Rica and Kenya. Ghana supports the parallel review process for selection of project managers. JMPR can go ahead and initiate the process.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> More actives can be evaluated and more MRLs can be set. Secondly, the selection criteria by the JMPR will ensure the neutrality and will also ensure that selected project managers are competent in the area of work.</p> | Ghana |

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| <p><u>Comment:</u> Kenya Supports the proposed criteria for selecting the global project manager for the parallel review process which Spells out the general requirements of the office holder and roles.</p> <p><i>Qualifications</i></p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Kenya proposes for addition of impartiality as a qualification for the project manager to this criterion.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> This is to ensure objective reporting without bias.</p> <p><i>Considerations</i></p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Kenya Support specific duties and responsibilities be assigned to the global project manager at the start of project.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> In order to fulfill the expectations of the committee and enable them undertake assigned tasks.</p> | <p>Kenya</p> |
| <p>The Philippines generally agrees with the overall format and content of the criteria for the selection of a global project manager to oversee the parallel review in collaboration with the JMPR Secretariat. Qualifications of a global project manager need not be specific considering that it is a voluntary and unpaid position and that higher qualifications may pose restrictions for other countries to nominate potential candidates. Likewise, the inclusion of identifying conflict of interest between the global manager and the review process is a good measure to avoid any question of bias.</p> | <p>Philippines</p> |