Title: Guidance for the monitoring of the Purity and Stability of Certified Reference Materials (CRMs)

Committee: Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

Session: 52nd

Chair of EWG: India

Co-Chairs: Argentina and Iran

Working Languages: English and Spanish

Description of work: The EWG should:

(i) further develop the discussion paper to consider the need, feasibility and relevance:
   a. To develop harmonized guidelines/analytical protocol on the monitoring of purity and stability of CRMs and stock solutions of multi-class pesticides during prolonged storage, including intermediate and working standards.
   b. To develop harmonized criteria for the use of CRMs and stock solutions beyond the expiry date as per certified analysis.

(ii) submit a project document for the new work proposal as an annex to the discussion paper for consideration by CCPR53, should there be support in the EWG to develop such work.

Timetable for work: The discussion paper should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for distribution and consideration by CCPR52 by not later than 10 May 2022

Email for registration: codex-india@nic.in

Registration deadline: 10 January 2022

EWG online platform: Yes

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this Electronic Working Group. When there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate one as the official representative to participate in the EWG. Applications should be sent through the Codex Contact Point (CCP) of the member or recognized observer organization in an email detailing:

- participant’s name
- official title or position
- organization or country
- email address.

The EWG platform

Link: http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php

User-Group name: CCPR-CRM (2021)

The platform will require members to login.

New participants to the platform should first register (online guide, video tutorial)

Those participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the user-group directly.

The EWG chair will give participants access to the group online once they have verified their credentials so please ensure that you follow the procedure for applications and email the chair through your CCP even if you are already registered on the platform.

Programme and timeline

The work programme and timelines will be circulated to members of the EWG soon after its establishment.

We look forward to your participation.

Chair (India) and Co-Chairs (Argentina and Iran) of the EWG
Codex Contact Points of India, Argentina and Iran