

CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

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European Union Comments on

AGENDA ITEM 4 a):

Matter of interest arising from FAO and WHO

Mixed Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) for sharing information concerning recent activities and initiatives in the areas of food safety and plant health, and for providing an update on the Food Systems Summit.

In addition, the EUMS would like to provide the following comment on paragraphs 31 and 32 of the Matters arising from FAO and WHO document, regarding the 1997 “Guidelines for Predicting Dietary Intake of Pesticide Residues” (WHO/FSF/FOS/97.7).

The EUMS reckon that there is overlap between the content of the “Guidelines for predicting dietary intake of pesticide residues” and the revised Chapter 6 “Dietary exposure assessment for chemicals in food” of the Environmental health criteria (EHC) 240 (2020), which may be confusing. Since Chapter 6 of the EHC 240 is extensive and descriptive, and contains all elements of consumer health assessment for pesticides, the EUMS propose formally withdrawing the “Guidelines for Predicting Dietary Intake of Pesticide Residues” from the list of publications. Nevertheless, as this document will still be relevant to trace the historical development of dietary intake assessments at Codex level, the EUMS propose it should be still be kept accessible for consultation.