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European Union comments on

AGENDA ITEM 11

**Establishment of Codex Schedules and Priority Lists of Pesticides for
Evaluation / Re-Evaluation by JMPR**

(CX/PR 23/54/13)

European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank Australia for the preparation of the schedules and priority lists of pesticides as well as the work done to incorporate the requests from members and sponsors.

General comments:

The EU notes that there might be compounds from previous years for which the evaluation was not completed and therefore no further nominations to the 2024 schedule can be accepted.

The EU also notes, that “Table 2A” worksheet lists up to 15 compounds which meet “25-year rule” and “Table 2B” worksheet lists approximately 60 compounds which meet the “15-year rule” but have not yet been listed for periodic review.

The EU notes that in 2022, JMPR reviewed only three compounds (diazinon, methidathion, quintozone) within the context of the periodic review. For these compounds, all CXLs were recommended to withdraw. These are the examples of using significant capacities of JMPR without resulting in firmly supported CXL proposals.

Therefore, the EU proposes significantly increase the list of periodic review substances (e.g., 20 substances) for 2025 and onwards. This would ensure that that among those, a minimum of five substances¹ could be reviewed each year. In addition, every year new compounds should be added to the list for the review.

On the one hand this would give interested parties the time to prepare the information needed and on the other hand this would ensure that there will be enough compounds for periodic review. In general, this approach would accelerate the overall periodic review process.

Although the discussion on the enhancement of the operational procedures of CCPR and JMPR are ongoing, some improvements could be done already now to avoid that listed substance cannot be

¹ [Report of the 49th session of the Codex Committee on Residues](#)

assessed due to incomplete dossiers during the periodic review. One possibility would be to have a thorough data package check made by JMPR right at the beginning as this could avoid problems at the later stage because of missing information.

In addition, the Procedural Manual should be applied consistently. Compounds, after the first announcement for re-evaluation, should be moved to Table 1 of CX/PR 18/50/5² within one to four years' time (e.g., depending on a concern form lodged, whether the 25 years have been reached etc.) if no data is provided on time.

The EU believes that much more efforts are needed by all interested parties to speed up the periodic review process and that repeatedly postponing periodic reviews or keeping unsupported compounds in the system, cannot continue if there is a serious intention to reduce this backlog. The EU believes that sponsors of active substances are key in this process. The EU is grateful that the relevant sponsors have initiated the discussion on the enhancement of the operational procedures of CCPR and JMPR. This is important as it will help to address the problems. However, the EU is of the view, that more efforts are needed to come forward with complete supporting dossiers in time for the scheduled periodic reviews.

Specific comments:

B. FINALISING THE 2024 PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Paragraph 8

The sponsor for ethoxyquin has confirmed that they are able to provide a data package for JMPR 2023, the application of the 4-year rule is therefore not necessary.

Paragraph 9

The EU notes that the “2024 Periodic Review” worksheet lists parathion-methyl and chlorpyrifos-methyl for re-evaluation but same time no support has been indicated for those substances. Therefore, if no support will be given during the CCPR 54th (2023), the revocation of CXLs and moving those substances to the Table 1 of CX/PR 18/50/5² should be considered during the CCPR 55th (2024).

Paragraph 12

The EU proposes to delete the word “2022” from the first sentence.

“Should more than 20 compound nominations on the ~~2022~~-Schedule meet the registered use / formulation ...”

E. TABLE 2B

Paragraph 18

The decision on unsupported compounds should be taken in CCPR 54. The EU notes that 2-phenylphenol has been listed as an unsupported compound. However, the EU has received information from a sponsor who supports the compound and intends to submit data for the periodic review in 2024.

² List of pesticides whose MRLs (CXLs) or GLs have been deleted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and for which no MRLs have been proposed