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Mixed competence

European Union Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Canada, Costa Rica and Kenya for having proposed principles and procedures to enable the participation of the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) in parallel reviews of new compounds.

The EUMS appreciate that the proposed process contributes to accelerating the setting of Codex MRLs and further supports MRL harmonization. The EUMS welcome the establishment of a pilot project that considers the available resources at JMPR. In particular, the proposed approach should not further delay the on-going work in relation to the Priority Lists of Pesticides for Evaluation / Re-Evaluation by JMPR. The EUMS agree that the Procedural Manual should be amended to integrate the process of the JMPR parallel reviews. Discussions on the necessary amendments should start after a thorough evaluation of the pilot project.

The EUMS support that the JMPR parallel reviews build on the latest OECD guidance on definition of residues. The EUMS note that the new revision of the OECD guidance will not be finalised before the end of 2021 and may therefore not be considered in the context of the pilot project.