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**Proposed draft Table 2 – Examples of selection of representative commodities (Vegetable commodity groups) at Step 4**

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*European Union Competence.*

*European Union Vote.*

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the electronic working group led by the Netherlands and the United States of America for the preparation of the proposed revision of the Table 2 – "Examples of selection of representative commodities".

The EU acknowledges that the column "Examples of Representative commodities" in Table 2 of the document "*Principles and Guidance for the selection of representative commodities for the extrapolation of maximum residue limits for pesticides to commodity groups*" has been updated in line with the proposals of revision of classification (documents CX/PR 14/46/7 and CX/PR 14/46/8) of the following vegetables groups:

- Root and tuber vegetables;
- Fruiting vegetables, cucurbits;
- Legume vegetables;
- Pulses.

The EU would like to present the following remarks:

- 1) As in the EU broader extrapolations are used, the EU would like to add some other examples of representative commodities:
  - Group 11 Fruiting vegetables, cucurbits.  
Subgroup 11 C Fruiting vegetables, cucurbits – inedible peel – winter squashes:  
**“and/or Melon”**.
  - Group 14 Legume vegetables.  
Subgroup 14B Peas with pods:  
**“Beans with pods”**, as Peas with pods is a minor crop in the European Union.

- Group 15 Pulses.  
Subgroup 15A Dried beans (without pods):  
after Beans dry: **“and/or Peas dry”**
  - Group 15 Pulses.  
Subgroup 15B Dried peas (without pods):  
after Peas dry: **“and/or Beans dry”**
- 2) In some other commodity groups the EU uses different representative crops:
- Group 10 Brassica vegetables:  
In the EU trials of both Cauliflower and Broccoli are required to extrapolate to the subgroup of Flowering brassicas. We propose to add **“Some trials on broccoli could be replaced by trials on Cauliflower”**. In the EU Cauliflower is a major crop and Broccoli a minor crop.
  - Group 12 Fruiting vegetables, other than Cucurbits:  
In the EU it is possible to extrapolate from Tomato to Aubergine (Eggplant). Aubergine is a minor crop in the EU. We propose to add to Subgroup 12C Eggplants: **“and/or Tomato”**
  - Subgroup 10B Head brassicas:  
The EU would like to mention more explicitly 'Cabbage, **Head**' as representative crop, instead of 'Cabbage'.
- 3) Finally, the EU would like to note that the extrapolation within the rather heterogeneous Group 013 Leafy vegetables (including Brassica leafy vegetables) should be more specific, taking into account the morphological particularities of the crops.

Since higher residues are anticipated from foliar sprayings in varieties which do not form heads (e.g. scarole) or varieties which are forming small leaves (e.g. cress, lamb’s lettuce or spinach), an extrapolation from residues of e.g. head lettuce may underestimate residue levels in these commodities.

The EU supports the advancement of the document **CX/PR 14/46/9** to the next step.