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AGENDA ITEM 17 and CRD 05

**PROPOSAL FOR A MODIFICATION OF THE
PORTION OF THE COMMODITY TO WHICH MAXIMUM RESIDUE
LIMITS APPLY AND WHICH IS ANALYZED
FOR FRUITS WITH INEDIBLE PEEL**

*European Union Competence
European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) would like to thank Ecuador for the preparation of the CRD05 which builds on CX/PR 22/53/19.

The EU's view is that the *Guidelines on Portion of Commodities to which MRLs apply and which is analyzed* (CXG 41-1993 amended 2010) should be implemented the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989 and its revision 2017) and that any risk for confusion should be avoided in the qualification of the product to which the MRL applies and which is analyzed.

The EU notes that the only difference between the current texts in these two documents is that the portion for bananas is specified in CXG 41-1993 as “after removal of crown tissues and stalks”, while it is not specified in CXA 4-1989 which only mentions bananas as an example “Whole fruit unless qualified: e.g., banana pulp”.

Therefore, the EU supports that this matter could be considered by the Working Group on the Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed to reflect on whether this specific part of the text in CXA 4-1989 should be amended to align precisely with CXG 41-1993, i.e., “Whole commodity unless qualified. Pineapples: after removal of crown. Avocado and mangoes: whole commodity after removal of stone but calculated on whole fruit. Bananas: after removal of crown tissues and stalks.”

With regards to the rest of the proposal to modify CXG 41-1993 to exclude inedible skin from the portion to which the MRL applies and which is analyzed for the fruits of Group 14 in CXG 41-1993, the EU does not support the proposal to re-open current versions of CXG 41-1993 and CXA 4-1989; and the EU position remains as explained in CRD 13.