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European Union Comments on

AGENDA ITEM 7

European Union Competence
European Union Vote

AGENDA ITEM 7(a)

Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed: Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides for Okra (CX/PR 22/53/6 and CL 2022/34-PR)

European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group (eWG) on the revision of the Classification of food and feed chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the draft on the revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds.

The EU acknowledges the work done by the eWG to address the difficulties to extrapolate MRLs for okra from the Subgroup Pepper and pepper-like commodities, considering monitoring data from Canada and India for representative commodities from which MRLs for okra could be extrapolated.

The EU recognises the difficulty of drawing a conclusion based on the available monitoring data from Canada and India without knowing the Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) behind the okra residue data. Without being able to compare residue trials on okra and chili peppers with known GAPs, the EU believes that no conclusion can be drawn on appropriate extrapolations and that the use of monitoring data would be justified only if these data can be linked to authorized uses (with comparable GAPs) and if statistically sufficient data points are available.

Based on the above, the EU considers that okra should be moved to a separate subgroup and, relying on the JMPR evaluation, that an extrapolation from chili peppers to okra may not be sufficiently supported by data.

The EU calls the attention on the fact that, while the scope of the eWG was limited to okra, similar extrapolation issues may exist for other crops belonging to Group 12B, Pepper and pepper-like commodities, such as martynia and roselle.

Therefore, concerning the document CX/PR 22/53/6, the EU would like to propose a new option (Option 3) for consideration to the Committee.

Option 3

Delete okra, martynia, and roselle from Subgroup 12B “Pepper and pepper-like commodities” and add a new Subgroup 12D “miscellaneous fruit and vegetable other than cucurbits” with okra, martynia, and roselle being the only commodities in this group. Amend Table 2 on Examples of Selection of Representative Commodities (Vegetable Commodity Groups) as to make okra the representative crop for Subgroup 12D, thus allowing no extrapolation, and add okra separately as representative crop in the line of Group 012 “Fruiting vegetables, other than cucurbits”.

AGENDA ITEM 7(b)

Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed:
Class B: Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin

(CX/PR 22/53/7 and CL 2022/35-PR)

European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group (eWG) on the revision of the Classification of food and feed chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the draft on the revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds.

The EU acknowledges the consideration given by the eWG to the list of products of animal origin presented in 'Annex I' of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and welcomes the efforts made by the eWG to harmonise the list of products presented in 'Annex I' with those present in Class B, Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin.

The EU has no comments to the revised Class B as presented in the Appendix I of the document and agrees that the proposed changes will be implemented in the Codex database.

AGENDA ITEM 7(c)

Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed:
Class E - Processed Foods of Animal Origin
(CX/PR 22/53/8 and CL 2022/35-PR)

European Union Competence
European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group (eWG) on the revision of the Classification of food and feed chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the draft on the revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds.

The EU has no comments to the information presented in the Appendix I of the document and agrees that the proposed changes will be implemented in the Codex database, following the agreement on the revised classification of the Types 06, 07, 08, 09 and the newly proposed Type xx for “Miscellaneous Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin”.

AGENDA ITEM 7(d)

Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed

Coordination of Work between CCPR and CCRVDF:

Class B – Primary food commodities of animal origin Harmonization of meat mammalian maximum residue limits between CCPR and CCRVDF: Harmonized definition for edible offal and other edible animal tissues

(CX/PR 22/53/9 and CL 2022/36-PR)

European Union Competence

European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group (eWG) on the revision of the Classification of food and feed chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the Netherlands for the preparation of the document CX/PR 22/53/9.

The EU welcomes the work done by the eWG to check the internal coherence and to harmonise definitions between the CCPR and CCRVDF.

The EU acknowledges the revised definition of “Edible offal: Those parts of an animal, apart from the skeletal muscle, fat and attached skin, that are considered fit for human consumption” agreed to by CCRVDF25 and adopted by the 44th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC44, 2021). The EU supports the adoption of the revised defining, recognising the importance of having harmonised definitions between CCPR and CCRVDF.

The EU notes that the revised definition of edible offal, which excludes the skin attached to fat, is in line with the current definition for poultry meat and fish meat, but not for meat from mammals other than marine mammals.