

CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (CCPR53)

European Union Comments on

AGENDA ITEM 9

Request for comments at Step 6 on the Guidelines for the recognition of active substances or authorized uses of active substances of low public health concern that are considered exempted from the establishment of MRL or do not give rise to residues-

(CX/PR 22/53/11 and CL 2022/37-PR)

European Union Competence European Union Vote

The European Union (EU) would like to thank the Electronic Working Group (eWG) chaired by Chile and co-chaired by India and the United States of America for the preparation of the guidelines.

I. GENERAL COMMENTS:

The EU acknowledges that the document provides a good basis for further discussions at the forthcoming CCPR meeting.

The EU notes that these guidelines are intended for countries' competent authorities that do not have established criteria for the MRLs exemption for active substances. This explicitly excludes the establishment of a Codex list of respective active substances.

II. SPECIFIC COMMENTS:

1.1. Paragraph 6 and paragraph 33, 34, 35

The EU notes that the scope of the guidelines includes, besides active substances of low health concern also certain authorised uses of active substances of low public health concern, since in some cases the exemptions apply to the authorised uses and not to the active substance. In order to provide best guidance *“to be used by the countries competent authorities that do not have established criteria for the MRLs exemption for active*

substances or its authorised uses in their respective legislation” (paragraph 12), it would be useful to provide more details or some examples for such cases.

1.2. Guidance on whether the Guidelines is ready for final adoption at Step 8 by CAC45 (2022)

The EU supports the adoption of the guidelines.