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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

Comments in reply to CL 2022/36-PR

Comments of Canada, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, European Union (EU), Kenya, Philippines, Thailand

Background

1. This document compiles comments received through the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) in response to CL 2022/36-PR¹ issued in May 2022. Under the OCS, comments are compiled in the following order: general comments are listed first, followed by comments on specific sections.

Explanatory notes on the appendix

2. The comments submitted through the OCS are hereby attached in the **Annex** and are presented in table format.

¹ Codex circular letter, including CL 2022/36-PR, are available on the Codex webpage/Circular Letters:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

or on the dedicated Codex webpage/CCCF/Circular Letters:

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCPR>

GENERAL COMMENTS

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
<p>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.</p> <p>The EU welcomes the work done by the eWG to check the internal coherence and to harmonise definitions between the CCPR and CCRVDF.</p>	EU
<p>The Philippines supports the proposed definition for “edible offal” as agreed by the CCRVDF25 and adopted by CAC44 as well as the definition/descriptors for edible tissues of animal origin, i.e. “meat”, “muscle” and fat”, as proposed by the JECFA/JMPR for the establishment of single/harmonized MRLs for the same tissue/food for compounds with dual uses.</p>	Philippines

SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE APPENDICES**APPENDIX I: Edible Offal****Definition for Edible Offal as agreed by CCRVDF25 and adopted by CAC44 and recommended for adoption by CCPR53:**

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	EU
<p><u>Comment:</u> Kenya proposes the adoption of the first definition.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> Skin is considered as part of the carcass in some species.</p>	Kenya
Thailand does not object to CCRVDF’s edible offal definition and recommended for adoption by CCPR53.	Thailand

Definition for Edible Offal as proposed by Germany based on information and considerations provided in Appendix II for consideration by CCPR53:

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
<p><u>Despojos comestibles:</u> <i>Aquellas partes de un animal, aparte del músculo esquelético y los tejidos grasos adherentes la grasa y la piel adherida, que se consideran aptas para el consumo humano.</i></p> <p>Chile agradece la propuesta preparada por el grupo de trabajo por medios electrónicos, y respecto de los temas presentados para observaciones, se apoya la definición de despojos comestibles según lo acordado por el CCRVDF, en su 25.a reunión, y recomienda su adopción por el CCPR, en su 53.a reunión:</p> <p><u>Despojos comestibles:</u> Aquellas partes de un animal, aparte del músculo esquelético y la grasa y la piel adherida, que se consideran aptas para el consumo humano.</p>	Chile
Egypt appreciates the work done by Germany, in this concern we would like to agree on the definition proposed from Germany for Edible offal and meats	Egypt

APPENDIX II: Meats

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
Egypt agrees on the definition	Egypt
<p><u>Comment:</u> Kenya proposes to add skin to the definition.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> Skin is considered as part of the carcass in some species.</p>	Kenya

APPENDIX III: Fat, Meat, Muscle

COMMENT	MEMBER / OBSERVER
<p>Último párrafo, página 5</p> <p>...() y el resultado se comparará con la suma del [LMR para el músculo × (1-fracción de grasa)] + [LMR para la grasa × fracción de grasa], basada en una determinación de la fracción de grasa presente en el músculo”.</p> <p>Agregar la aclaración con relación a qué corresponde el LMR.</p>	Colombia
<p>Kenya thanks this working group and is in agreement with the definitions as proposed by JECFA/JMPR for fat, meat and muscle.</p> <p>Justification: As contained in the Glossary of Terms and Definition (Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods) (CXM 5-1993)</p>	Kenya
<p>Fundamentally, alignment of definitions for edible animal tissues between CCPR and CCRVDF should be achieved. Therefore, CCPR and CCRVDF should substantially decide which term is the most suitable to define a harmonized term for meat/muscle, between “meat” and “muscle”. This chosen term should not confuse readers and give mutual understanding, in particular where commodities contain attached skin as well as where there is connection between this term and the definition of edible offal.</p> <p>In relation to the revision of Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds (CXM 4-1989), terms appearing in list of commodities should be the same as the harmonized definitions to avoid confusion. The existing Codex classification and Codex MRLs which are clearly divided into MRL for muscle, fat and edible offal should be remained.</p>	Thailand