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TO: Codex Contact Points
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FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: **Request for comments and information on national registrations of pesticides
(national registration database of pesticides for periodic review by JMPR) (Groups 1 and 2)**

DEADLINE: **31 August 2023**

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BACKGROUND

- For background information, please refer to previous discussion at sessions of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) including relevant circular letters (CLs) as follows:
 - CCPR48 (2016) ([REP16/PR48](#), paragraphs 178, 180-181)
 - CCPR49 (2017) ([REP17/PR49](#), paragraphs 174-177)
 - CCPR50 (2018) ([REP18/PR50](#), paragraphs 154-157)
 - CCPR51 (2019) ([REP19/PR51](#), paragraphs 216-233)
 - CCPR52 (2021) ([REP21/PR52](#), paragraphs 236-239)
 - CCPR53 (2022) ([REP22/PR53](#), paragraphs 207-215)
 - [CL 2018/17-PR](#)
 - [CL 2018/50-PR](#)
 - [CL 2021/97-PR](#)
- The reports² of CCPR's sessions and relevant CLs³ can be found on the Codex/CCPR website. Further information on the latest developments on the national registration database can be found in working document CX/PR 22/53/14⁴ presented at CCPR53 (2022).
- The national registration database (NRD) was amended by correcting mistakes, deleting unnecessary entries and providing more information to fill the database.

¹ A revised excel sheet that reflects the revision made to the Annex of this CL is being recirculated for comments. The Annex and excel sheet have been slightly revised for better accuracy.

² Reports of CCPR's session are available on the Codex website:
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-meetings/en/?committee=CCPR>

³ [Codex website/Circular Letters:](http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/)
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⁴ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53>

4. The list of priorities was selected for compounds with last complete toxicological evaluation 15 or more years ago skipping compounds for which a re-evaluation was announced. This list was grouped in three subgroups.
 - **Group 1** contains pesticides that had a full toxicological evaluation (skipping only Acute Reference Dose (ARfD) setting) before 2000. These compounds have reached the 25 years mentioned in the Procedural manual in 2023 or will do it in the 2024. This group contains 14 compounds.
 - **Group 2** contains compounds with a full toxicological evaluation (skipping only ARfD setting) before 2004. All these compounds have a full toxicological evaluation 20 – 23 years ago next year. This group contains 17 compounds.
 - **Group 3** consists of compounds with a full toxicological evaluation (skipping only ARfD setting) between 15 and 19 years in 2023. This group contains 38 compounds.
5. The grouping of compounds was discussed with the Chairs and co-Chairs of the Electronic Working Groups (EWGs) on Priorities and on Unsupported Compounds as well as in the EWG on the National Registration Database.
6. As it can be expected that the NRD will become a tool in decision making for the handling of unsupported compounds work should start with the compounds of Group 2. For compounds in Group 1 time for support from other than manufacturer will be too short. Even for Group 2 compounds this might be an ambitious task. Compounds in Group 3 will be revised after CCPR54 and a request for filling the NRD might follow in two separate steps due to the number of compounds.
7. Replies from Codex members on the status of the national registration of these compounds may assist the EWG on Unsupported Compounds in deciding which compound(s) might be supported in cases manufacturer are not willing to do. In addition, it would assist the EWG on Priorities to prepare the Codex schedules and priority lists of pesticides for periodic review, for consideration/agreement by CCPR, and subsequent safety assessment by Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPPR).
8. Comments in reply to the CLs on Groups 1-2 and 3 will be considered by the EWG in order to provide a single comprehensive report on the findings, including conclusions and recommendations, for consideration by CCPR55 (2024).
9. The spreadsheet (Excel file) is available in English only (See para 16).
10. To help Member to translate their national classification into the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXA 4-1989), the list below indicates the appendices where the revised types can be found.
 - Class A Primary Food Commodities of Plant Origin
 - Type 01 Fruits: [REP17/PR49, Appendix IX](#)⁵
 - Type 02 Vegetables: [REP17/PR49, Appendix VIII](#)⁴
 - Type 03 Grasses: [REP17/PR49, Appendix XI](#)⁴
 - Type 04 Nuts, Seeds and Saps: [REP18/PR50, Appendix VII](#)⁶
 - Type 05 Herbs and Spices: [REP18/PR50, Appendix VIII](#)⁵
 - Type M Miscellaneous: [REP19/PR51, Appendix VII](#)⁷
 - Class C – Primary Feed Commodities
 - Type 11 - Primary feed commodities of plant origin (single type): [REP21/PR52, Appendix VII](#)⁸
 - Class D – Processed Foods of Plant Origin
 - All types: [REP21/PR52, Appendix VIII](#)⁷
11. For the remaining Classes still under revision by CCPR i.e. Class B Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin and Class E – Processed Foods of Animal Origin, please check the [Classification of Food and Feed](#) (CXA 4-1989)⁹ available on the Codex website (English only).

⁵ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=49>

⁶ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=50>

⁷ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=51>

⁸ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=52>

⁹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-standards/en/?committee=CCPR>

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

12. Codex members are invited to provide information on their national registrations for pesticides by filling in the revised spreadsheet using the instructions given in the Annex. After completing the data/information requested in the different tables of the excel sheet, Member countries should send the excel file to the addresses indicated in the CL. Comments submitted in any other format than the excel sheet file may not be considered by the EWG in developing conclusions/recommendations for consideration by CCPR55 (2024).
13. A column for comments is now available in the spreadsheet where Codex members are invited to report on any problems encountered in filling the spreadsheet.
14. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit the information requested in the excel file in order to support work on the priority list (Agenda Item 11) and the management of unsupported compounds without public health concern (Agenda Item 9) vis-à-vis the periodic review of pesticides.
15. Codex members and observers are requested to send their comments within the set deadline in order to facilitate the work of the EWG. Comments should be submitted through the recognized Codex Contact Points.
16. The revised circular letter and the revised excel sheet will be available on the Codex website as indicated below.

Revised Circular Letter (CL 2023/25-PR(Rev)):

General address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/tr/>

Specific address: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCPR>

Revised Excel sheet: https://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/CL2023-25-PR_20221219_NRD_Database_Exercise_Eonly_rev.xlsx

The excel sheet is available in **English only**.

ANNEX**Instructions for using the table on national registrations**

<u>General information:</u>	The spreadsheet contains to tables – NRD Group 2 and NRD-Group 1. Filling the table NRD-Group 1 is voluntary. This table contains 14 compounds. The table NRD-Group 2 is the table for which every Member is asked to fill in the national registrations. This table contains 17 compounds.
<u>Line 2:</u>	Line 2 contains two white boxes. The first one is for country's name and second one for the date you complete the inclusion of the information into the National Registration Database.
<u>Lines 4 and 5:</u>	These lines contain from column D onwards Codex Pesticide Number and the Pesticide Name for those compounds for which the information is required.
<u>Line 6:</u>	This line will be used when the database is used for filtering the results.
<u>Column A:</u>	This column contains the code according to the current Codex Classification. Codes for groups of crops are given in bold and for subgroups of crops in normal types.
<u>Column B:</u>	This column contains number of the group/subgroup of the current Codex Classification. Group numbers are given in bold and subgroup numbers in normal types.
<u>Column C:</u>	This column gives the name of the group/subgroup of the current Codex Classification. Groups of crops are given in bold and Subgroups of crops in normal types.
<u>Column D to T:</u> (D to Q for Group 1)	The white cells should be filled for each pesticide and commodity.
<u>Additional Information:</u>	Due to comments from last year's exercise the representative crops were deleted as this led to some confusion. In addition, the processed commodities were deleted except for Groups 050 - 052. Here the subgroups for the processed are mentioned to keep the groups complete. These rows are marked in grey colour meaning that they should not be filled.
<u>General information:</u>	Please do not include emergency uses or uses without a label. In order to help you with filling the database, a file with the complete list ¹ of the Codex Classification is made available.
<u>Line 2:</u>	Please fill into the first white box the name of your country and in the second one the date you complete the inclusion of the information into the National Registration Database.
<u>Columns A to C:</u>	Please do not change the content of these three columns.
<u>White cells starting with cell D7:</u>	With cell D7 your work starts to fill the empty cells. It is expected that all kind of applications are taken into account (spraying, fumigation, seed treatment, ...) and without skipping uses because no residues are expected. As far as possible take all pests, harmful organisms etc. into account. For each active compound starting with column D, you should add an Y whenever you have at least one registered use in a given Codex Subgroup or in case no subgroup is available in the entire Codex Group. For the moment, the exact number of crops within a subgroup/group with a registered label will be skipped. This will become necessary in a later step. As indicated a complete list ¹ of the Codex Classification as adopted has been made available. This list should help you to translate your own classification into the Codex Classification. The grey cells at subgroup 050C, 051C and 052C are for completeness added and should not be filled.
<u>Last column:</u>	Here you have the possibility to add comments. For example, you can add information on important non-food uses like uses in tobacco or crops for fibre production.

¹ See paragraphs 10-11 of CL 2023/25-PR(Rev).