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SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHEDULES AND PRIORITY LISTS OF PESTICIDES FOR EVALUATION / RE-EVALUATION BY THE JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT MEETINGS ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (JMPR)**

DEADLINE: **10 May 2023**

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A. SCHEDULES AND PRIORITY LISTS 2024-2025

- Appendix A includes the CCPR Schedules and Priority Lists of Pesticides (Tables 1-4) as specified in the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) Procedural Manual "Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)".
- Codex member countries and observer organizations are reminded that at CCPR53 in 2022, Priority and Schedule lists were not forwarded to CAC, to allow JMPR a year to catch up on the evaluation backlog (REP22/PR53).
 - Codex member countries and observer organizations who have registered to the Electronic Working Group on the Priority List (and therefore are members of the CCPR-EWG/PL) can lodge their comments in reply to this circular letter (CL) on the 'Priority List' forum on the Codex web platform:
<https://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/viewforum.php?f=396>
 - Codex member countries and observer organizations who have not registered to the Electronic Working Group on the Priority List (and therefore are not members of the CCPR-EWG/PL) should send their comments in word or excel file to the Chair of the EWG (Australia) with a copy to the CCPR and Codex Secretariats as indicated above.

Codex members and observers who have not registered to the CCPR-EWG/PL within the timeframe indicated in the Invitation to join this EWG are no longer eligible for registering as members to this EWG.
 - Nominating members and observers are encouraged to closely review the worksheets to ensure accuracy.
- The 2022&23 CCPR Schedule of Evaluations by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Meetings on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) is closed but included at this stage for reference only.

B. FINALISING THE 2024 PROPOSED SCHEDULE

4. To assist consideration of scheduling for 2024, the proposed 2024 CCPR Schedule of JMPR Evaluations is extracted from Tables 1 and 2A and appears in three worksheets with the prefix '2024'. Text in bold red has been included since CCPR53. Highlighted cells are awaiting further advice from sponsors.

5. The '2024 new cpd' worksheet currently lists 7 compounds in 2024 new compound proposed schedule. National registrations have been confirmed for all of the listed compounds.

- **One further nomination to this schedule could be accepted as RESERVE status.**
- **Further nominations must have provided evidence of national registration and priority should be given to the nominated compound with the oldest date stamp from the '2025 & beyond-new cpd' list.**

6. The '2024 new use – other' worksheet lists 17 nominations for new use. Evidence of product labels / national registration has been provided for all 17 compounds. The commodities for these 17 compounds are listed in upper case text.

- **One to two further nominations to this schedule could be accepted as RESERVE status.**
- **Further nominations must have provided evidence of national registration and priority should be given to the nominated compound with the oldest date stamp from the '2025 & beyond-newuse-other' list.**

7. The '2024 periodrev' worksheet lists 5 compounds in the Proposed 2024 Schedule of Periodic Reviews and 3 compounds with RESERVE status, however there is uncertainty on the status of a number of compounds in this list.

At CCPR53 in 2022, a sponsor for chlorpyrifos committed to providing data for review by JMPR in 2024. Confirmation from the sponsor of commitment to meet that timeframe is requested.

Two compounds, permethrin and carbosulfan/carbofuran, appeared in the JMPR data call-in for evaluation in 2023, hence they have been struckthrough the 2024 list. Confirmation that these evaluations are proceeding is requested.

Currently, there is no evidence of support for parathion-methyl and potentially chlorpyrifos-methyl.

Following clarification of the status of all these compounds, further compounds may be moved from Table 2A into the '2024 periodrev' worksheet.

- **Note that 4-year rule extension has been requested by the manufacturer for ethoxyquin (sponsor has committed to providing the data package for evaluation by JMPR in 2024).**
- **The sponsor of folpet has requested that periodic evaluation of this compound be brought forward to be combined with a new-use evaluation.**

8. In addition, there may be compounds from the 2021 and 2022 schedules of periodic reviews for which evaluation by JMPR did not proceed. Further advice from sponsors and JMPR is required to clarify the status of periodic review of aldicarb, dithiocarbamates, iprodione and carbendazim.

- **A decision concerning ongoing retention of unsupported compounds on the CCPR List of Pesticides and maintenance of existing Codex maximum residue limits for pesticides (CXLs) will need to be made at CCPR54. The discussion paper on Unsupported compounds may assist CCPR to reach a decision regarding these compounds.**
- **Members and observers are strongly encouraged to consider appropriate strategies for retention should any of these compounds remain important to respective interests.**
- **For those compounds where support has been noted, most of the nominations require additional information including commodities supported.**

9. Advice Notes (New Use and Other Evaluations)

- Consistent with the approach taken at CCPR48, member countries and observer international organizations (sponsors) who have nominated compounds for the proposed new uses and other evaluations Schedule can only confirm a place on the Schedule by submitting documented evidence of a registered use / authorized formulation labels / Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) or at least evidence of data submission to a national regulatory authority with a view to obtaining a registration / authorized formulation label / GAP **prior to CCPR54.**

- Nominators / manufactures are encouraged to submit evidence of national registrations / product labels as soon as practicable.
- Should more than 20 compound nominations on the 2024 Schedule meet the registered use / formulation label / GAP requirement, the first 20 compounds meeting the requirements will be scheduled for evaluation and those beyond number 20 will be given a **RESERVE** status.
- As per the new compound approach, should the opportunity present, JMPR may choose to evaluate a **RESERVE** compound.

C. PRIORITY LISTS 2025 AND BEYOND – TABLE 1

10. The 'Table 1 – 2025 & beyond - new cpds' worksheet includes 8 nominations for future scheduling, five with evidence of registration. The remaining compound is marked for 2027 on request by the nominator/ manufacturer.
11. The 'Table 1 – 2025 & beyond - new use - other' worksheet includes 26 nominations for future scheduling, 24 proposed for 2025 and two for 2026. Fourteen of the 24 compounds scheduled for 2025 have provided evidence of registration.

D. PRIORITY LISTS 2025 AND BEYOND – TABLE 2A

12. The 'Table 2A' worksheet includes priority lists for periodic reviews in 2025 (6 compounds). All the listed compounds meet the "15-year rule" and many are under the 4-year rule which will expire in 2025.

E. TABLE 2B

13. The 'Table 2B' worksheet lists a large number of compounds which meet the "15-year rule" but have not yet been listed for periodic review.

F. PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

14. In accordance with the nomination process described in the Codex Procedural Manual "Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues", Members and Observers may lodge public health concerns for any compound in the CCPR Pesticide List including those already listed in Tables 2A and 2B. In lodging a public health concern, the nominator must provide supporting scientific data.

G. PERIODIC REVIEWS (UNSUPPORTED COMPOUNDS)

15. Member countries and Observers with an interest are strongly encouraged to provide advice on the following compounds which remain unsupported, presented in Table 5. Please consider the Comments provided on this list:
 - **Amitraz PHC (122), Bitertanol (144), Carbaryl (8), Dinocap (087), Fenbutatin oxide (109), Fenthion (39), Methamidophos (100), Terbufos (167).**

H. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

16. Codex members and observers are strongly encouraged to submit comments on the CCPR schedules and priority lists for pesticides for evaluation / re-evaluation by JMPR as directed by the circular letter (see paragraph 2) and to send comments within the set deadline.
17. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers should your country or organization have not registered / are not a member of the CCPR/EWG-PL.
18. Nominating Codex members and observers are encouraged to closely review the worksheets to ensure accuracy.
19. The circular letter and the excel sheet on CCPR schedules and priority lists for evaluation by JMPR will be available on the Codex website as indicated below.

Circular Letter (CL 2023/26-PR):

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

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

Excel sheet: [https://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/CL/CL2023-26-PR_Appendix_Priorities_Eonly .xlsx](https://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/CL/CL2023-26-PR_Appendix_Priorities_Eonly.xlsx)

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