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*GUIDELINES FOR THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING,
LABELLING AND MARKETING OF ORGANICALLY PRODUCED FOODS:*

**ANNEX 2: DELETION OF ROTENONE
(CL 2008/27-FL)**

GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 3

COMMENTS FROM:

**BRAZIL
CANADA**

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BRAZIL:

The Brazilian Delegation thanks for the opportunity to present the following comments on CL 2008/27-FL.

We do not support the exclusion of the substance from Table 2 of Annex 2 of the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods. However, we agree with inclusion of the information suggested by Japan in the conditions for use for rotenone: “the substance should be used in such a way as to prevent its flowing into waterways”.

We believe that restricting the use of rotenone to prevent it from flowing into waterways was sufficient to manage the risk. There are some areas where no alternatives to the use of rotenone as insecticide in organic production existed.

In Brazil, we are developing solid formulations of rotenone to be used as insecticide for ants. These formulations have a lower toxic effect and a lower probability from flowing into waterways.

CANADA:

Canada is pleased to provide the following comments on CL 2008/27-FL concerning the deletion of rotenone in the *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods*.

Canada would like to remind the Committee that the Annex in the *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods* is an indicative list intended to provide guidance on substances which might be used by national authorities. Each country must evaluate, against the established criteria, whether or not it is appropriate to use a particular substance, given their regional circumstances.

Based on current science and use of rotenone, Canada can support the deletion from Annex 2, Permitted Substances for the Production of Organic Foods, Table 2: Substances for Plant Pest and Disease Control.