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Agenda Item 3

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

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MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND/OR ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:

A. GENERAL DECISIONS OF THE 32ND SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (Rome, Italy, 29 June – 4 July 2009)

1. The Commission **adopted** several amendments to the Procedural Manual, including amendments to the Format of Codex Standards. These amendments are included in the 19th Edition of the Procedural Manual. The Commission also **adopted** 28 new or revised Codex standards or related texts elaborated by the Codex Committees and Task Forces; it **approved** a number of new work proposals and proposals for discontinuation of work. The Commission also took various decisions which are important for the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

2. Details on all these and other matters can be found in ALINORM 09/32/REP which is available from: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net>

B. DECISIONS OF THE 32ND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

3. The following texts considered and adopted by the Commission have direct relation to the work of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR).

DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 8 OR STEP 5/8

4. The Commission **adopted** the Draft Standards and Related Texts submitted by its subsidiary bodies at Step 8 (including those submitted at Step 5 with a recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7 and those submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure), as well as other standards and related texts submitted for adoption, as presented in Appendix III to ALINORM 09/32/REP.

5. The following paragraphs provide additional information on the comments made and the decisions taken on certain items.

Draft and Proposed Draft Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides¹

6. The Commission noted that the new higher MRL for malathion (049) in wheat had been proposed on the basis of a new JMPR evaluation and **adopted** the MRLs as proposed in Appendices II and III of ALINORM 09/32/24 with the addition of the MRL for spirotetramat (234) at 0.7 mg/kg for pome fruits, which had inadvertently been omitted from the report of the Committee. The Commission also noted the reservations of the European Community and Norway on MRLs for carbaryl (008) in citrus fruit; fusilazole (165) in edible offal, apples and pear; dimethoate (027) in peppers and lettuce; malathion (049) in wheat; methomyl (094) in grapes and tomato; cypermethrins (118) in cauliflower, scarole, apples and peaches; and cyhalothrin (146) in apricots, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage head, milk, nectarines, peaches, tomatoes, peppers sweet, and corn for reasons presented in CAC/32 LIM/16.

PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 5

7. The Commission **adopted** at Step 5 the Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts submitted by its subsidiary bodies, as presented in Appendix IV to ALINORM 09/32/REP, and advanced them to Step 6.

8. The following paragraphs provide additional information on the comments made and the decisions taken on certain items.

Proposed Draft Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides²

9. The Commission **adopted** the draft MRLs as proposed draft in Appendix IV of ALINORM 09/32/24 at Step 5 and advanced them to Step 6, noting the reservations expressed by the European Community and Norway on the MRLs for methomyl (094) in apples; tebuconazole (189) in brassica, pomefruits and lettuce, head and boscalid (221) in banana and kiwi for reasons explained in CAC/32 LIM 16.

REVOCATION OF EXISTING CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS (ALINORM 08/31/REP, paras 73-75)

10. The Commission agreed to revoke from the Codex Alimentarius all texts proposed, as presented in ALINORM 09/32/7. The list of texts approved for revocation from the Codex Alimentarius is summarized in Appendix V to ALINORM 09/32/REP.

PROPOSALS FOR THE ELABORATION OF NEW STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AND FOR THE DISCONTINUATION OF WORK

11. The Commission approved the elaboration of new standards and related texts as summarized in Appendix VI of ALINORM 09/32/REP. The following paragraphs provide additional information on comments made and decisions taken on the following items.

General Considerations

12. The Commission agreed that the Executive Committee set up an electronic working group led by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission to consider if further guidance on the application of the *Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities* was needed as regards approval of new work for commodity and general subject committees and report back on their findings to the next session of the Committee.

DISCONTINUATION OF WORK

13. The Commission approved the discontinuation of work items as presented in Appendix V of ALINORM 09/32/REP.

MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER COMMITTEES: 30TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING (CCMAS)

Proposed Draft Revised Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty

14. The 30th Session of the CCMAS had considered the above proposed draft revised guidelines. For details of consideration see ALINORM 09/32/23, paras 109 – 121. After discussion, the Committee noted

¹ ALINORM 09/32/24, Appendices II and III

² ALINORM 09/32/24, Appendix IV

that the guidelines should be redrafted by an electronic working group led by the Delegation of the United Kingdom therefore agreed to return the Proposed Draft Guidelines to Step 2.

15. There will be an oral update from the 31st Session of the CCMAS (Budapest, 8-12 March 2010) on the status of development of the above guidelines.

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

AMENDMENTS TO CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS (Agenda Item 8)³

16. The 32nd Session of the Commission noted that this item related to the ongoing work of the Codex Secretariat to ensure consistency throughout Codex texts. The Commission endorsed most of the recommendations of the Executive Committee and noted the following comments and decisions:

References to Volume 2 in Codex texts relating to pesticide residues

17. The Commission noted that several Codex texts dealing with pesticide residues contained references to texts in Volume 2 of the Codex Alimentarius relating to pesticide residues which were still valid because they had not been replaced with other texts and had no separate identification number. The Commission further noted that the Committee on Pesticide Residues had requested the Secretariat to prepare a paper containing an analysis of these discrepancies in order to take a more informed decision on this matter at its next session.

18. The paper on this matter to be prepared by the Codex Secretariat (see Agenda Item 13).

³ ALINORM 09/32/8, ALINORM 09/32/3, paras. 45-72