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REVISION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD AND FEED:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMODITIES NOT MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR CROP GROUPING (AT STEP 3)

(Prepared by the Electronic Working Group chaired by the United States of America
and co-chaired by the Netherlands)

Codex members and Observers wishing to submit comments at Step 3 on miscellaneous commodities should do so as instructed in CL 2019/04-PR.

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BACKGROUND

1. See CX/PR 19/51/6, paragraphs 1-5.
2. CCPR50 (2018) endorsed the approach to create a separate Type within each Class of the Classification to provide a list of commodities and codes that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a crop group as a system within the Classification to provide codes for commodities that do not meet the criteria for grouping.¹
3. In accordance with the Terms of Reference² (TOR) given to the Electronic Working Group (EWG) on the revision of the Classification by CCPR50, the EWG considered the development of a system within the Classification to provide codes for commodities that do not meet the criteria for crop grouping. Examples of these types of commodities in Class A include water chestnut (*Trapa natans*), foxnut (*Euryale ferox*) and lotus seed (*Nelumbo nucifera*). These additional commodities are not expected to have an impact on any CXLs since these are added commodities and these types will not have representative commodities.

CONCLUSION

4. The system for miscellaneous commodities was supported by the EWG. Miscellaneous commodities that have been proposed for Class A are shown in Appendix I along with appropriate codes. The Type is described as "TYPE MISCELLANEOUS" since types are already sequentially numbered from 1 to 20. The format for miscellaneous commodities for other Classes as needed are shown in Appendix II.

RECOMMENDATION

5. CCPR is invited consider the format and codes in Appendices I and II taking into account the agreement made at CCPR50 and the comments submitted in reply to the corresponding circular letter in order to provide guidance regarding the classification system for miscellaneous commodities.

¹ REP18/PR, para 128.

² REP18/PR, para. 129 (v)

APPENDIX I**CLASS A PRIMARY FOOD COMMODITIES OF PLANT ORIGIN****TYPE MISCELLANEOUS Primary Food Commodities of Plant Origin**

Miscellaneous commodities are those commodities which do not meet the criteria for crop grouping. These criteria include (1) commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues, (2) similar morphology, (3) similar production practices, growth habits, etc., (4) edible portion, (5) similar GAP for pesticides uses, (6) similar residue behavior, and (7) to provide flexibility for setting subgroup tolerances. Due to the heterogeneous nature of miscellaneous commodities, no representative commodity will be established for miscellaneous groups.

Portion of commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): **Whole commodity as prepared for wholesale or retail distribution.**

Type	No.	Group	Group Letter Code
M Miscellaneous	029	Miscellaneous, unclassified commodities	MU
MU 0001		Foxnut <i>Euryale ferox</i> Salisb.	
MU 0002		Lotus seed <i>Nelumbo nucifera</i> Gaertn.	
MU 0003		Water chestnut <i>Trapa natans</i> L.	

APPENDIX II**CLASS B PRIMARY FOOD COMMODITIES OF ANIMAL ORIGIN****TYPE MISCELLANEOUS Primary Food commodities of Animal Origin**

Miscellaneous commodities are those commodities which do not meet the criteria for crop grouping. These criteria include (1) commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues, (2) similar morphology, (3) similar production practices, growth habits, etc., (4) edible portion, (5) similar GAP for pesticides uses, (6) similar residue behavior, and (7) to provide flexibility for setting subgroup tolerances. Due to the heterogeneous nature of miscellaneous commodities, no representative commodity will be established for miscellaneous groups.

Portion of commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): **Whole commodity as prepared for wholesale or retail distribution.**

Type	No.	Group	Group Letter Code
M Miscellaneous	049M	Miscellaneous, unclassified commodities	MU
MU 000X			
MU 000X			
MU 000X			

CLASS C PRIMARY ANIMAL FEED COMMODITIES**TYPE MISCELLANEOUS Primary Animal Feed commodities**

Miscellaneous commodities are those commodities which do not meet the criteria for crop grouping. These criteria include (1) commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues, (2) similar morphology, (3) similar production practices, growth habits, etc., (4) edible portion, (5) similar GAP for pesticides uses, (6) similar residue behavior, and (7) to provide flexibility for setting subgroup tolerances. Due to the heterogeneous nature of miscellaneous commodities, no representative commodity will be established for miscellaneous groups.

Portion of commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): **Whole commodity as prepared for wholesale or retail distribution.**

Type	No.	Group	Group Letter Code
M Miscellaneous	053	Miscellaneous, unclassified commodities	MU
MU 000X			
MU 000X			
MU 000X			

CLASS D PROCESSED FOODS OF PLANT ORIGIN**TYPE MISCELLANEOUS Processed Foods of Plant Origin**

Miscellaneous commodities are those commodities which do not meet the criteria for crop grouping. These criteria include (1) commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues, (2) similar morphology, (3) similar production practices, growth habits, etc., (4) edible portion, (5) similar GAP for pesticides uses, (6) similar residue behavior, and (7) to provide flexibility for setting subgroup tolerances. Due to the heterogeneous nature of miscellaneous commodities, no representative commodity will be established for miscellaneous groups.

Portion of commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): **Whole commodity as prepared for wholesale or retail distribution.**

Type	No.	Group	Group Letter Code
M Miscellaneous	079	Miscellaneous, unclassified commodities	MU
MU 000X			
MU 000X			
MU 000X			

CLASS E PROCESSED FOODS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN**TYPE MISCELLANEOUS Processed Foods of Animal Origin**

Miscellaneous commodities are those commodities which do not meet the criteria for crop grouping. These criteria include (1) commodity's similar potential for pesticide residues, (2) similar morphology, (3) similar production practices, growth habits, etc., (4) edible portion, (5) similar GAP for pesticides uses, (6) similar residue behavior, and (7) to provide flexibility for setting subgroup tolerances. Due to the heterogeneous nature of miscellaneous commodities, no representative commodity will be established for miscellaneous groups.

Portion of commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed): **Whole commodity as prepared for wholesale or retail distribution.**

Type	No.	Group	Group Letter Code
M Miscellaneous	093	Miscellaneous, unclassified commodities	MU
MU 000X			
MU 000X			
MU 000X			