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Agenda Item 8

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEx COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

53<sup>rd</sup> Session

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#### COORDINATION OF WORK BETWEEN CCPR AND CCRVDF: JOINT CCPR/CCRVDF WORKING GROUP ON COMPOUNDS FOR DUAL USE - STATUS OF WORK -

(Prepared by the United States of America as Chair of the Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG)

#### BACKGROUND

1. The 25<sup>th</sup> session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF25, 2021) sought advice from the Executive Committee (CCEXEC) on a mechanism for cooperation between the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) and CCRVDF on the establishment of harmonized Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for compounds with dual use. The 52<sup>nd</sup> session of CCPR (CCPR52, 2021) also encouraged ways to facilitate and promote cooperation on cross-sectional issues between CCRVDF and CCPR.
2. The 81<sup>st</sup> session of CCEXEC (CCEXEC81, 2021) recommended that CCRVDF and CCPR make use of a joint Electronic Working Group (EWG) to further advance the work on cross-sectional issues between CCRVDF and CCPR to facilitate the establishment of single/harmonized MRLs for edible animal tissues for compounds with dual use.
3. Following the recommendation<sup>1</sup> of CCEXEC81, the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC44, 2021) agreed<sup>2</sup> to establish a Joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG chaired by the United States of America, working in English only and open to all Members and observers working with the support of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) and the Codex Secretariat to address procedural and technical issues related to the establishment of harmonized MRLs for compound with dual use as described in the Terms of Reference (ToRs) agreed by CAC44:
  - the Joint EWG will review work already done cooperatively between CCRVDF and CCPR and will identify, and if possible, prioritize areas of possible further collaboration between CCRVDF and CCPR and how this could be carried out (e.g., jointly, in parallel, etc.) so as to facilitate the consideration of compounds with dual uses by both committees and the possible harmonization of MRLs
  - this may include reflections on improved synchronization of work between CCPR and CCRVDF as well as collaboration between CCPR/CCRVDF and JMPR/JECFA
  - the Joint EWG will provide an update on their preliminary findings to CCRVDF26 and CCPR53
4. Regarding the timeframe, the Joint EWG will continue its work as long as both CCRVDF and CCPR consider it useful.
5. The Joint EWG will not replace the ongoing parallel cooperation between the established EWGs under CCRVDF (edible offal) and CCPR (revision of the Classification) within their respective ToRs.
6. Further background on the establishment of single MRLs for edible animal tissues for compounds with dual use can be found in CRD34<sup>3</sup> presented at CAC44.

<sup>1</sup> REP21/EXEC81, paras. 33-34

<sup>2</sup> REP21/CAC44, para. 64-66

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CAC&session=44>

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7. **CURRENT STATUS**

8. The EWG has convened and currently is generating the first round of comments on the following questions:

1. What work has been done cooperatively between CCRVDF and CCPR?
2. What are areas where CCRVDF and CCPR could collaborate in the future?
3. What mechanisms could be used to collaborate between CCRVDF and CCPR?