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Comments submitted by Bangladesh

Bangladesh is pleased to provide comments on specific agenda items of the 55th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR55), taking place in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China between 03 and 07 June 2024.

Agenda Item 6

CX/PR 24/55/5 – CL 2024/44-PR

MRLs for pesticides in food and feed (at Steps 7 and 4)

Bangladesh would like to acknowledge the substantial effort deployed by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) in facilitating effective discussion during CCPR meetings. This year's CCPR meeting evaluated 35 pesticides, for toxicity or residues, or both.

Bangladesh presents its general support to the MRL recommendations from JMPR 2023 and therefore, supports their advancement in the Codex Step process.

Agenda Item 7

CX/PR 24/55/6 – CL 2024/45-PR

Guidelines for monitoring the purity and stability of reference materials and related stock solutions of pesticides during prolonged storage (at Step 4)

The analysis of pesticide residues is critical for protecting human health and facilitating international trade. However, performing regular pesticide residue analysis faces significant challenges, particularly in developing countries. The limited shelf life and high recurring costs of reference materials (RMs) are major obstacles. Additionally, due to supply chain constraints, some laboratories may receive RMs close to their expiry date as indicated in the working document.

Bangladesh would like to thank the EWG chaired by India and co-chaired by Argentina and Singapore and presents its support to the development of the guidelines aiming to implement a framework designed to assist laboratories in monitoring the stability and purity of RMs of pesticides during prolonged storage.

Agenda Item 10

CX/PR 24/55/9 – CL 2024/43-PR

Establishment of Codex schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation/re-evaluation by JMPR

Bangladesh would like to express its acknowledgment for the work performed by the EWG on priorities chaired by Australia, to explore potential approaches to identify priorities for CCPR and the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR).

Bangladesh reiterates the importance of this endeavor and the increasing effort required to provide data on priority listed pesticides related to their occurrence, the number of crops and residue trials as well as the status of their national registrations.

Bangladesh supports the proposed schedules and priority lists of pesticides provided in CL 2024/43-PR and hopes that this effort will assist in developing a manageable and efficient schedule of pesticides for evaluation and re-evaluation.

Agenda Item 13**CX/PR 24/55/12 – CL 2024/50-PR****Analysis of previous decisions by CCPR to establish MRLs for tomato and pepper to establish corresponding MRLs in eggplant**

Bangladesh would like to thank the Global Pulse Confederation for their efforts in preparing this discussion paper. Bangladesh acknowledges the thorough and robust analysis presented in this discussion paper. While understanding that this will add to JMPR's workload, Bangladesh recommends referring the MRLs and the data presented in CX/PR 24/55/12 to JMPR for review. Based on JMPR's advice, CCPR can make a decision in 2025.