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Adoption of Agenda

India supports the adoption of the provisional agenda. Also, India would like to propose the retention of MRL of Acetamiprid on Cardamom Seed and the same may also be discussed in the other business.

Agenda item 14

Other business

Retention of MRL of Acetamiprid on Cardamom Seed (Sub-group 028B Spices, Fruit or Berry)

Monitoring data (2009-14) of acetamiprid on cardamom was submitted by India to JMPR for fixation of Codex maximum residue level (MRL). Based on the results, the Meeting estimated a maximum residue of 0.1 mg/kg for acetamiprid on cardamom (JMPR Report 2015, page 336).

In 2018, India submitted the monitoring data of acetamiprid on cumin for evaluation. The JMPR established the MRL of 2 mg/kg for acetamiprid in cumin (JMPR Report 2019, page 336). Since any of the commodities included in the Subgroup spices, seeds, can be regarded as a representative commodity for the group, the JMPR accordingly agreed that the MRL could be extrapolated to the Subgroup of spices, seeds. The JMPR withdrew its previous recommendation of 0.1 mg/kg of acetamiprid on cardamom.

It may be noted that Cardamom, pods and seeds is sub-grouped under spices, fruit or berry (sub-group 028B Spices, fruit or berry); and Cumin seeds is sub-grouped under Spices, seeds (sub-group 028A Spices, seeds).

Since, cumin and cardamom belong to different subgroups, the MRL of 2 mg/kg fixed for cumin seed cannot be extrapolated to Cardamom, pods and seeds. A rectification is therefore required to retain the earlier adopted CXL of acetamiprid (0.1 mg/kg) on cardamom.

The CCPR is therefore requested to re-adopt the previous CXL of 0.1 mg/kg for acetamiprid on cardamom seed.