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NATIONAL REGISTRATIONS OF PESTICIDES – STATE OF THE WORK

(Prepared by the Electronic Working Group chaired by Germany and co-chaired by Australia)

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to previous discussion at sessions of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) including relevant circular letters (CLs) as follows:
 - CCPR48 (2016) ([REP16/PR48](#), paragraphs 178, 180-181)
 - CCPR49 (2017) ([REP17/PR49](#), paragraphs 174-177)
 - CCPR50 (2018) ([REP18/PR50](#), paragraphs 154-157)
 - CCPR51 (2019) ([REP19/PR51](#), paragraphs 216-233)
 - CCPR52 (2021) ([REP21/PR52](#), paragraphs 236-239)
 - CCPR53 (2022) ([REP22/PR53](#), paragraphs 207-215)
 - [CL 2018/17-PR](#)
 - [CL 2018/50-PR](#)
 - [CL 2021/97-PR](#)
2. The reports¹ of CCPR's sessions and relevant CLs² can be found on the Codex/CCPR website. Further information on the latest developments on the national registration database can be found in working document CX/PR 22/53/14³ presented at CCPR53 (2022).
3. At CCPR53 the continued support for the work and the development of the national registration database (NRD) was noted.
4. It was agreed to re-establish the Electronic Working Group (EWG) chaired by Germany and co-chaired by Australia, working in English with the following terms of reference (ToRs):
 - (i) Amend the national registration database by correcting mistakes, deleting unnecessary entries, and providing more information to fill the database.
 - (ii) Coordinate with the EWGs on priorities and on unsupported compounds without public health concerns in order to facilitate the work of the EWG on supported compounds without public health concern after the next CCPR session.
 - (iii) Ask members to fill in the NRD for unsupported compounds nominated by means of a CL.

ONGOING WORK IN THE EWG

5. A revision of the NRD taking into account the discussions in CCPR 53 was provided to the EWG. The content of commodities was reduced, and errors and mistakes were corrected.

¹ Reports of CCPR's session are available on the Codex website:

<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-meetings/en/?committee=CCPR>

² Codex website/Circular Letters:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>

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<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCPR>

³ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53>

6. During the previous year's substances included in the NRD were connected to the upcoming JMPR meetings. Having in mind to support the EWG on Unsupported Compounds without Public Health Concern an analysis of table 3 from the EWG Priorities was performed to find out all substances that have its last complete toxicological evaluation in 2023 15 years or more years ago. The other tables were taken into account.
7. First selection from Table 3 of the priority list dated 7th September 2022 deleted all substances having its first toxicological evaluation after 2006 in Column C, than deleting all Substances having a periodic toxicological review after 2007 (marked year T (Acute Reference Dose (ARfD)) are not taken into account - no complete toxicological evaluation) in Column D, followed by deletion of the substances lindane being included in the List of Extranabelus Maximum Residue Limits (EMRLs) and brompropylate, dicloran and fenarimol as being mentioned as substances be added to the list of compounds removed from the CCPR pesticide list. This leaves 85 substances to be looked up.
8. In the next step all substances with indication of missing support, reducing the list by 7 additional substances.
9. In the last step the resulting substances were compared with Table 2A and those substances which are scheduled for 2024 and 2025 were deleted. This leaves 69 substances with a last evaluation/re-evaluation 15 or more years ago.
10. As the number of 69 substances was considered to be far too much to fill the NRD in one run a grouping was undertaken.

Group 1: All substances with a full toxicological evaluation (skipping only ARfD setting) before 2000. These Substance have reached the 25 years mentioned in the Procedural manual in 2023 or will do it in due course. This group contains 14 substances.

Group 2: All substances with a full toxicological evaluation (skipping only ARfD setting) before 2004. All these substances have a full toxicological evaluation 20 – 23 years ago next year. This group contains 17 substances.

Group 3: The remaining substances with a full toxicological evaluation (skipping only ARfD setting) between 15 and 19 years in 2023. This group contains 38 substances.
11. The revised NRD, the selection and the grouping of substances were given for discussion to the eWG to the chairs and co-chairs of the EWGs on Priorities and Unsupported Compounds without Public Health Concerns. The results of the discussions were used for the next step us.
12. The support for Group 1 was small. Thus, a decision was taken to ask for voluntary work.

WAY FORWARD

13. A Circular Letter CL 2023/25-PR² was sent out to all Codex Members with a revised list of commodities and active substances⁴. The NRD contains two tables, i.e., Group 1 with substances that reach 25 years mentioned in the Procedural Manual and Group with substances having a full toxicological evaluation 20 – 23 years ago next year. It is expected that filling the table with Group 2 substances is done by all participants. For compounds in Group 1 time for support from other than manufacturer will be too short to support the EWG on Unsupported Compounds without Public Health Concern. Nevertheless, filling this table is highly appreciated but voluntary. The deadline for this Circular letter is 31 August 2023.
14. It is proposed to send out the NRD for the third group of compounds in autumn 2023 with a deadline end of 2023. This leaves sufficient room for examination and discussion of the responses in the EWG and for the preparation for CCPR55 (2024).

RECOMMENDATIONS

15. Codex members are invited to:
 - (i) Support the approach and timelines to review of the NRD as explained in paragraphs 13-14;
 - (ii) Provide replies to CL 2023/25-PR(Rev) in order to progress on this exercise i.e., fill the NRD in order to support the periodic review of unsupported compounds with no public health concern which are no longer be supported by the manufacturer; and
 - (iii) provide any further suggestion to help filling the NRD as requested in CL 2023/25-PR(Rev).

⁴ Circular Letter [CL 2023/25-PR\(Rev\)](#) of April 2023

APPENDIX I
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