



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on February 27, 2020. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Guangzhou, People's Republic of China, March 30-April 4, 2020. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 52nd Session of the CCPR and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Room PYS-4370/80, One Potomac Yard South, 2777 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Documents related to the 52nd Session of the CCPR will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-meetings/en/?committee=CCPR>

CAPT David Miller, U.S. Delegate to the 52nd Session of the CCPR, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: miller.davidj@epa.gov.

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 52nd Session of the CCPR by conference call, please use the call-in-number: 1-888-844-9904 and participant code 5126092.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend in-person the public meeting by emailing Marie.Maratos@usda.gov by February 26, 2020. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone, as discussed above.

For Further Information about the 52nd Session of the CCPR Contact: U.S. Delegate, CAPT David Miller, Chief, Chemistry and Exposure Branch and Acting Chief, Toxicology and Epidemiology Branch, Health Effects Division, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: (703) 305-5352, Fax: (703) 305-5147, Email: Miller.Davidj@epa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The Terms of Reference of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) are:

- (a) to establish maximum limits for pesticide residues in specific food items or in groups of food;
- (b) to establish maximum limits for pesticide residues in certain animal feeding stuffs moving in international trade where this is justified for reasons of protection of human health;
- (c) to prepare priority lists of pesticides for evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR);
- (d) to consider methods of sampling and analysis for the determination of pesticide residues in food and feed;
- (e) to consider other matters in relation to the safety of food and feed containing pesticide residues; and,
- (f) to establish maximum limits for environmental and industrial contaminants showing chemical or other similarity to pesticides, in specific food items or groups of food.

The CCPR is hosted by China. The United States attends CCPR as a member country of Codex.

Issues to be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 52nd Session of the CCPR will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Appointment of Rapporteurs
- Matters referred to CCPR by CAC and/or other subsidiary bodies
- Matters of interest arising from FAO and WHO
- Matters of interest arising from other international organizations
- Report on items of general consideration by the 2019 JMPR extraordinary and regular meetings--Section 2 of the 2019 JMPR Reports
- Report on responses to specific concerns raised by CCPR arising from the 2019 JMPR extraordinary and regular meetings--Section 3 of the 2019 JMPR Reports
- Proposed MRLs for pesticides in food and feed
- Revision of the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXM 4/1989) for selected commodity groups:
 - (i) Class C-- Primary feed commodities (Type 11: Primary Feed commodities of plant origin, taking into account silage, fodder, and a separate group for grasses) and the fodder discussion paper.
 - (ii) Class D-- Processed Food commodities of plant origin (all Types in Class D).
 - (iii) Tables on examples of representative commodities for commodity groups in different types under Class C and Class D, for inclusion in the *Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of MRLs for Pesticides to Commodity Group* (CXG 84-2012).
 - (iv) Impact of the revised types in Class C and D on CXLs.

(v) Class B - Primary food commodities of animal origin --Harmonization of meat mammalian maximum residue limits between CCPR and the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF).

- Impact of revised types in Class A (in the *Classification of Food and Feed* (CXM 4/1989)) on CXLs
- Proposed draft Guidelines for compounds of low public health concern that could be exempted from the establishment of Codex Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs or also referred to as CXLs)
- Discussion paper on the opportunity to revise the *Guidelines on the use of mass spectrometry for the identification, confirmation and quantitative determination of residues* (CXG 56-2005)
- Discussion paper on the monitoring of purity and stability of certified reference material (CRM) of multi-class pesticides during prolonged storage
- Discussion paper on the review of the International Estimated Short-term Intake (IESTI) equations
- Discussion paper on opportunities and challenges for the JMPR participation in an international parallel review of a new compound
- Discussion paper on the management of unsupported compounds (without public health concerns) scheduled for periodic review
- Information on national registrations databases of pesticides
- Establishment of Codex Schedules and Priority Lists of Pesticides for evaluation by the 2020 JMPR
- Other Business and Future Work

Public Meeting

At the February 27, 2020, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the

opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to CAPT David Miller, U.S. Delegate for the 52nd Session of the CCPR (see ADDRESSES). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 52nd Session of the CCPR.

Additional Public Notification

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