

4th Coordination Meeting Arab Codex Contact Points

Analysis of Priority Agenda Items Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR53)

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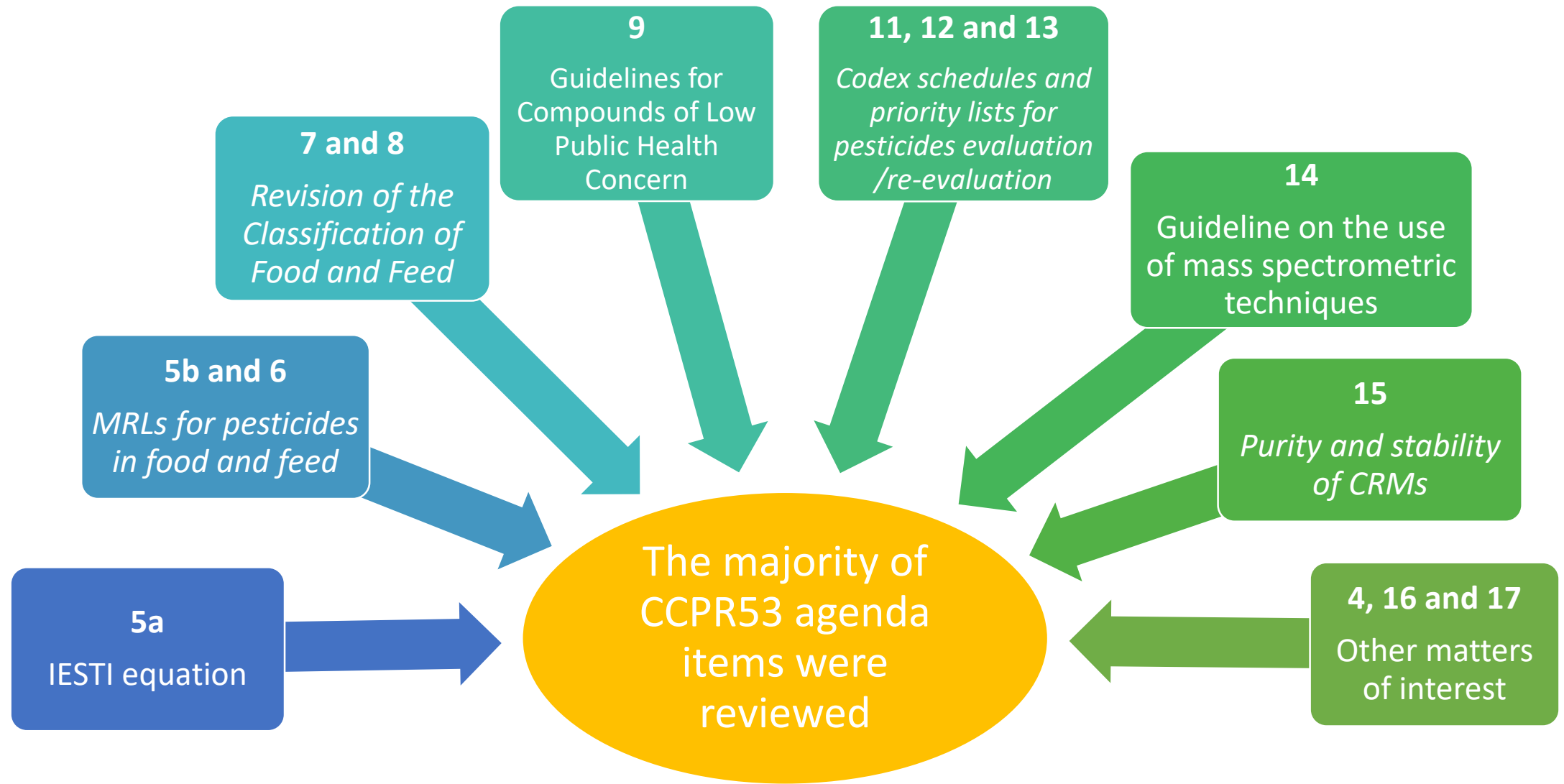
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This analysis provides a summary of the work currently under discussion by the CCPR, which may be useful for delegations from Arab countries to prepare their positions taking into account the needs and specificity of the region and the potential impact of the proposed food standards.



CCPR53: Priority Agenda Items



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Major Recommendations



Overall, the analysis performed by the Arab Expert Working Group resulted in a general support for the majority of the conclusions and recommendations reached by the various electronic working groups (EWG).

Major Recommendations

Item 5a

International estimate of short-term intakes (IESTI) equations

- The Risk Assessment Community in the Arab region supports these developments which will continue to enhance its own approaches in risk assessment to enable the development of MRLs relevant for the region, based on occurrence and consumption data, when available.

Items 5b & 6

MRLs for Pesticides in Food and Feed (at Steps 7 and 4)

- Some specific considerations for some compounds (Dimethoate, Fipronil, Fenpyroximate, Chlorpyrifos in Eggplant, Cypermethrins in Eggplants).
- Invest in the development of essential data to support dietary exposure assessment for pesticide in food, and particularly food consumption data, relevant for the region and to update the relevant Cluster Diet in the GEMS/Food database.
- Document the possible impacts and in particular, the achievability of MRLs on the designated food products from the region.

Item 7a

Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989): Establishment of MRLs for Pesticides for Okra

- Okra is an important food commodity consumed in the Arab region.
- The Arab Codex delegations may question the choice of Chili pepper as a representative commodity of Okra, while it does not seem to be a crop sharing similar attributes of aspect, texture, taste and consumption, as well as agricultural practices. **Eggplant could be considered as a crop / commodity with closer attributes.**
- It is recommended that Arab Codex delegations support the option where Okra would be considered in a separate subgroup in the classification and to re-instate the EWG with a commitment for a stronger contribution from Arab codex delegations.

Major Recommendations

Item 7b

Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989): Class B

- The proposed amendments in the classification system, as per Appendix I of the working document CX/PR 22/53/7, are well justified and can therefore be supported by Arab Codex delegations.
- The Arab Expert Working Group recommends continuous harmonization with CCRVDF on this matter

Item 7c

Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989): Class E

- The proposals made by the EWG are logical and well substantiated and could benefit from the support of Arab Codex delegations

Items 7d & 8

Coordination of work between CCPR and CCRVDF

- It is recommended that Arab Codex delegations offer their support to the continuation of this work, with a possible commitment to actively participate in the activities of the EWG and bring the perspective of the region to it.

Major Recommendations

Item 9

Guidelines for Compounds of Low Public Health Concern

- Given the level of development of these guidelines and their importance, it is recommended that Arab Codex delegations support their advancement to their final adoption by CAC45 (2022).

Items 11-12-13

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

- It would be beneficial for Arab competent authorities responsible for pesticide management to review the status of compounds with no known public health concerns, yet unsupported with data as to their possible re-evaluation;
- to participate more actively to the calls for national registration information
- to remain aware of future schedules to be considered for evaluation / re-evaluation by JMPR and subsequently by CCPR

Item 14

Discussion paper on the review of mass spectrometry provisions

- Support the simplification of guidance, through the revocation of CXG56-2005 and the update of CXG90-2017
- Reach-out to national control laboratories, regional organizations (Arab section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL) for a more active participation in this regard.

Major Recommendations

Item 15

Discussion paper on monitoring the purity and stability of certified reference material of pesticides during prolonged storage

- Arab Codex delegations are therefore invited to support the proposal of a new work on the development of guidelines for monitoring the purity and stability of certified reference materials during prolonged storage.
- Reach-out to national control laboratories, regional organizations (Arab section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL) for a more active participation in this regard.

Items 4, 16, 17

Other items of interest

- As the topic of environmental inhibitors in agriculture is a new emerging issue, it is recommended that Arab Codex delegations consider following up on this item. Arab food and feed competent authorities may also start investigating this issue, with the possible generation of data on the prevalence of these chemicals in the environment in the region.
- It is recommended that Arab Codex delegations support the proposal made in the discussion paper with regards to restricting the applicability of pesticide MRLs to the edible portion (without the peel) for Group 14 foods. This change will support the trade interests of countries of the region as producers and exporters of these commodities.