



## ANALYSIS OF AGENDA ITEMS IN PREPARATION FOR THE 53<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

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### **AGENDA ITEM 7(b)**

*Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXA 4-1989): Class B – Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin (All Types) (at Step 4)*

#### Objectives

This document offers a review and analysis of the agenda items planned for discussion at the 53<sup>rd</sup> session of the **Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)**, scheduled to take place virtually July 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This document is intended for possible use by the Codex communities of practice, promoted by [GForSS](#) and [PARERA](#), as part of their contribution to enhancing awareness and supporting effective participation in international food standard setting meetings (Codex meetings) by representatives from members and observers.

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The focus of the analysis of agenda item 7(b) of CCPR53, relates to **Class B – Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin (All Types) (at Step 4)**.

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**Agenda Item 7 (b) : Class B – Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin (All Types) (at Step 4)***Documents*

*CX/PR 22/53/7 and CX/PR 22/53/7-Add.1 (Part I)*

*CCPR53 is invited to consider the revised Class B at Step 4.*

*Background*

CCPR52 (2021) agreed to re-establish the EWG on the revision of the Classification, chaired by the USA and co-chaired by The Netherlands to initiate consideration of Class B, Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin and Class E, Processed Foods of Animal Origin.

CCPR52 agreed to task the EWG/Classification with the consideration of this issue in view of the revision of Class B – Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin as follows:

- (i) Consider the replies to CL 2020/13-PR on the harmonization of meat mammalian MRLs between CCPR and CCRVDF (Classification of Food and Feed: Class B – Primary Commodity of Animal Origin) and the definition of edible offal as recommended by CCRVDF and to continue to cooperate with the CCRVDF-EWG/edible offal to facilitate the harmonization of terminology/definitions that can facilitate the establishment of harmonized MRLs for compounds with dual uses for food of animal origin.

*Analysis*

During the re-initiation of the EWG, additional commodities were added following comments from the WHO collaborating Center that proposed inclusion of several additional commodities and the creation of subgroups for several groups in type 6, 8, 9 and 10.

A new group '**Insects and spiders**' was created and a new type '**MISCELLANEOUS PRIMARY FOOD COMMODITIES OF ANIMAL ORIGIN**' was added for the inclusion of honey and other bee products. Additions are highlighted while deletions are crossed-out in the appendix I of the working document *CX/PR 22/53/7*.

*General Comments*

Chile, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Canada and Germany noted the absence of bee products, such as honey, among others in the list of commodities, composing the classification.

Additionally, Germany proposed the addition of Shark, iridescent and crocodiles. Thailand noted a mistake in the zoological orders listed for the species in Group 048.

Australia provided the Australia and New Zealand Food Standards Code list (Schedule 22). Based on this list, several commodities were added to Class B.

The EU Commission shared its 'Annex I' list, that contains products of animal origin. Several commodities present in the EU Annex I were found to be missing in Class B and were subsequently added.

Germany proposed the division of Group 043 into two subgroups. Australia and Germany proposed to include insect in Class B. In accordance with this proposal the new group 'Insects and spiders' was added to Class B. Both Chile and Germany noted that several of the included commodities in Class B are species listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)



appendices and suggested removal of these species. However, due to prevalent consumption and in order to aid the monitoring of the consumption of these species, it was proposed to keep these commodities.

Germany also commented that, before finalizing Class B, the committee should wait for the outcome of the discussions concerning skin carried out by the EWG on Edible Animal Tissue of CCRVDF and CCPR, since this may have impacts on several groups and commodities in Class B.

### *Revised class B for consideration*

#### ❖ FOR TYPE 6: MAMMALIAN PRODUCTS

- Group 030 Meat (from mammals other than marine mammals) was divided into eight subgroups, including Subgroup 030A Bovine meat, Subgroup 030B Camelid meat, Subgroup 030C Caprine meat, Subgroup 030D Cervine meat, Subgroup 030E Equine meat, Subgroup 030F Ovine meat Subgroup, 030G Swine meat, and Subgroup 030H Various other mammalian meats.
- Accordingly, Group 031 Mammalian fats, Group 032 Edible offal (Mammalian) were also divided into eight subgroups, following the same order as the subgroups for Group 030.
- Group 033 Milks was divided into six subgroups, including Subgroup 033A Bovine milk, Subgroup 033B Camelid milk, Subgroup 033C Caprine milk, Subgroup 033D Cervine milk, Subgroup 033E Equine milk, and Subgroup 033F Ovine milk.

#### ❖ FOR TYPE 7: POULTRY PRODUCTS

The word 'poultry' in the names of the type and groups is changed to 'avian' to allow for a more accurate description of the commodities in type 7.

#### ❖ FOR TYPE 8: AQUATIC ANIMAL PRODUCTS

- Group 040 Freshwater fish was divided into six subgroups, including Subgroup 040A Barbs, Subgroup 040B Carps, Subgroup 040C Catfishes, Subgroup 040D Perches, Subgroup 040E Tilapias, and Subgroup 040F Various other freshwater fishes
- Group 041 Diadromous fish was divided into 6 subgroups, including Subgroup 041A Atlantic Salmons, Subgroup 041B Pacific Salmons, Subgroup 041C Eels, Subgroup 041D Smelts, Subgroup 041E Trouts, Subgroup 041F Various other diadromous fishes.
- Group 042 Marine fish was divided into seven subgroups, including Subgroup 042A Cod and Cod-like fishes, Subgroup 042B Flat-fishes, Subgroup 042C Mackerel and Mackerel-like fishes, Subgroup 042D Tuna and Bonito, Subgroup 042E Herring like fishes, Subgroup 042F Sharks, and Subgroup 042G Various other Marine fish.
- Group 043 was divided in two subgroups: Subgroup 043A Fish roe (including milt= soft roe) and Subgroup 043B Edible offal of fish
- A group 044 Marine mammalian products was divided into two subgroups: Subgroup 044A Marine mammalian meat and Subgroup 044B Fat of marine mammals.

#### ❖ FOR TYPE 9: AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

- Group 048 (unprocessed) frogs, lizards, snakes and turtles was renamed as 'Amphibians and reptiles' and divided into five subgroups including Subgroup 048A Crocodiles, Subgroup 048B Frogs, Subgroup 048C Lizards, Subgroup 048D Snakes, and Subgroup 048E Turtles.



## ❖ FOR TYPE 10: INVERTEBRATE ANIMALS

- The inclusion of the additional type “Miscellaneous Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin”, as well as the addition of a new group: Insects and spiders, within type 10 Invertebrate animals was proposed
- Group 049 Molluscs (including cephalopods) and other invertebrate animals was renamed as 'Molluscs and various other invertebrate animals' and divided into four subgroups, including Subgroup 049A Bivalves, Subgroup 049B Cephalopods, Subgroup 049C Snails and slugs, and Subgroup 049D Various other invertebrate animals.

### *Conclusion and recommendations*

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ It may be suggested to wait for the outcomes of the discussions concerning skin and skeletal muscle carried out by the EWG on Edible Animal Tissue of CCRVDF and CCPR (Item 7(d)), since this may have an impact on several groups and commodities in Class B.
- ❖ For type 7 poultry products; regarding rename of the word “poultry” to “avian”; Arab delegations may suggest harmonization of the new word ‘avian’ with the definitions proposed by CCRVDF.