



ANALYSIS OF AGENDA ITEMS IN PREPARATION FOR THE 53rd SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

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AGENDA ITEM 11

*Discussion Paper on the Management of Unsupported Compounds without Public Health
Concern Scheduled for Periodic Review*

Objectives

This document offers a review and analysis of the agenda items planned for discussion at the 53rd session of the **Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)**, scheduled to take place virtually July 4th – 8th and 13th, 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.

The analysis provided in this document offers a factual review of agenda items, their background and a discussion of some considerations. This analysis is indicative in nature and does not represent an official position of the organizations mentioned above ([PARERA](#) and [GForSS](#)), their membership or their management. It provides a synthesis and analysis 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.

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The focus of the analysis of agenda items 11, 12 & 13 of CCPR53, concerns the **codex schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation/re-evaluation by JMPR**.

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Agenda Item 11: Discussion Paper on the Management of Unsupported Compounds without Public Health Concern Scheduled for Periodic Review.

Document

CX/PR 22/53/13

Background

An unsupported compound is a pesticide that is due for re-evaluation for which neither a manufacturer nor member country has committed to submit the data required for evaluation by JMPR.

CCPR50 agreed that this work would be carried out within the framework of the EWG on Priorities chaired by Australia and co-chaired by Canada, Chile, and Kenya, and were tasked to present a discussion paper on the management of unsupported compounds scheduled for periodic review for consideration by CCPR51.

Due to the complexity of the issue, it was difficult to reach a consensus on the management options. Therefore, CCPR51 agreed to assess options 2 (in particular 2b) and 3 to determine an appropriate way forward suited to those supporting either of the options:

- ❖ Option 2b - Only those CXLs for which there are registrations listed in the national registration database (NRD) will be retained.
- ❖ Option 3 - Codex members and observers are granted 4 years to fulfill the data requirements to maintain the CXLs. (i.e., 4-year rule). If members or observers are unable to address the data requirements, all CXLs are to be revoked.

At CCPR52, the EWG was tasked to present a management proposal for consideration by CCPR53.

At CCPR53, the committee is invited to:

- ❖ consider the proposal for the management of unsupported compounds without public health concerns scheduled for periodic review described as presented in Section 1 of Appendix I of working document *CX/PR 22/53/13*.
- ❖ If CCPR agrees with the revised proposal, to consider the establishment of an EWG to refine the work management proposal for consideration by CCPR54 (2023).
- ❖ CCPR is also invited to consider the different options for data support that could be addressed by Codex, FAO/WHO, JMPR, governments, and industry to further assist countries in implementing the proposed management approach as presented in Section 1 of Appendix I of working document *CX/PR 22/53/13*.

Analysis

The EWG prepared two drafts for comments, with some of the followings considerations for members of the EWG:

- ❖ In order to advance this initiative, the co-chairs proposed to leave behind the discussion about Options 2b and 3 and focused on proposing management alternatives based on the current procedure, which allows, in some justified cases, to explore collaboration possibilities for maintaining certain CXLs.
- ❖ EWG on Unsupported Compounds will work in coordination with the EWG on Priorities.



- ❖ Additional measures may also help to generate or collect the data necessary to maintain CXLs, such as capacity-building activities to strengthen the capabilities of codex members to satisfy requirements for JMPR evaluation.

Conclusion and recommendations

There is definite benefit from carrying out this work, as it would support the up-to-date nature of Codex standards. Arab Codex delegations may wish to support the initiation of this work.

As a general comment and recommendation: It would be beneficial for Arab competent authorities responsible for pesticide management to review the status of compounds of this nature (i.e., compounds with no known public health concerns, yet unsupported with data as to their possible re-evaluation).

