



## 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 12**

#### *National Registrations of Pesticides*

#### **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.

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 12: National Registrations of Pesticides

### Document

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### Background

The terms of reference of CCPR include the preparation of schedules and priority lists of pesticides for evaluation / re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR), CCPR being the risk management body and JMPR the risk assessment body.

The Codex schedules and priority lists are composed of new compounds, new uses and other evaluations, as well as periodic reviews for compounds that have not been reviewed toxicologically for more than 15 years.

The nomination requirements for scheduling of compounds in the schedules and priority lists require, amongst other relevant data, the status of national registrations for the pesticide. The schedules and priority lists seek to provide a balance between new compounds, new uses, other evaluations and periodic reviews of “old” compounds.

As part of CCPR efforts to prioritize the periodic review of old compounds, the committee agreed to seek documented evidence of national registrations and approved uses for compounds subject to periodic review, through an approach relying on the development and population of a database for that purpose.

The identification of compounds for which Codex members reported no registered use will greatly assist CCPR in decreasing the list of compounds awaiting scheduling for evaluation by JMPR (in particular periodic reviews) and will therefore allow better prioritization of the schedules, while keeping the balance between the different evaluations.

In order to facilitate the aggregation of information into a single database of those compounds subject to periodic review being hosted by the Codex Secretariat, it is essential that Codex members submit information in a standard format by using a standard excel spreadsheet/worksheet. In this regard, CCPR50 (2018) noted comments that the information in the excel worksheet should be simplified in order not to create unnecessary burden on Codex members.

During CCPR52 (2021), it was decided to provide an improved National Registration Database with about 20 compounds every year from Tables 2A and 2B, for which data are requested, to compile and analyze the data from all respondents and to report back on the findings to CCPR53.

### CCPR53 is invited to:

- ❖ consider the information provided in the discussion paper and provide comments, as needed, on the general approach to the development of the database for national registration of pesticides including a view whether a sufficient number of responses is available to support the periodic review of unsupported compounds with no public health concern which are no longer supported by the manufacturer (see also Agenda Item 11).
- ❖ provide any further suggestion to help filling the database.



### *Analysis*

After receiving comments on the circular letter sent for this purpose, 32 members replied, mainly from Europe (60%). The problem of the low geographical representativeness resurfaced with this item. Member countries supplemented the database with information regarding the spread of use of the suggested compounds.

As a consequence, two active substances had no nominations, Aldicarb and Ethoxyquiin, while phosphane and its salts had rather important uses (23 nominations out of 32 members and up to 127 uses).

### *Comments and Considerations*

The majority of comments indicated that members had problems filling the database. Thus, amendment to the instructions is an important item for improvement.

### *Conclusion and Recommendations*

Competent authorities from the Arab region are encouraged to follow-up on this item and to participate more actively to the calls for national registration information, so that the realities of pesticide use in the region are reflected in the criteria set to prioritize compounds to be evaluated / re-evaluated by JMPR in future years.

