

- Proposed Draft and Proposed Draft Revised Maximum Residue Limits

The committee is continuing work on:

- Consideration of Draft and Proposed Draft Residue Limits in Foods and Feeds

- Paper on Pilot Project for the Examination of National MRLs as Interim Codex MRLs for Safer Alternative Pesticides

- Paper on Acute Dietary Risk Assessment

- Revision of Regional Diets and Information on Processing
- Revision of the List of Recommended Methods of Analysis for Pesticide Residues

- Revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds
- Consideration of Elaboration of MRLs for Spices
- Revision of Codex Priority Lists of Pesticides for review by JMPR
- Paper on the establishment of MRLs for processed commodities.

- Paper on the elimination of environmental fate data review from the work of JMPR

*Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) of a chemical is the daily intake which, during an entire lifetime, appears to be without appreciable risk to the health of the consumer on the basis of all the known facts at the time of the evaluation of the chemical by the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues. It is expressed in milligrams of the chemical per kilogram of body weight.

Responsible Agency: EPA; USDA/AMS.

U.S. Participation: Yes.

Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

The Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling:

(a) Defines the criteria appropriate to Codex Methods of Analysis and Sampling;

(b) Serves as a coordinating body for Codex with other international groups working in methods of analysis and sampling and quality assurance systems for laboratories;

(c) Specifies, on the basis of final recommendations submitted to it by the other bodies referred to in (b) above, Reference Methods of Analysis and Sampling appropriate to Codex Standards which are generally applicable to a number of foods;

(d) Considers, amends, if necessary, and endorses, as appropriate, methods of analysis and sampling proposed by Codex (Commodity) Committees, except that methods of analysis and sampling for residues of pesticides or veterinary drugs in food, the assessment of

microbiological quality and safety in food, and the assessment of specifications for food additives do not fall within the terms of reference of this Committee;

(e) Elaborates sampling plans and procedures, as may be required;

(f) Considers specific sampling and analysis problems submitted to it by the Commission or any of its Committees; and

(g) Defines procedures, protocols, guidelines or related texts for the assessment of food laboratory proficiency, as well as quality assurance systems for laboratories.

The following guidelines and proposed amendments to the procedural manual will be considered by the 26th Commission in July 2003. The relevant document is ALINORM 03/23.

To be considered at Step 5:

- Proposed Draft General Guidelines on Sampling

- Proposed Draft Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty

For consideration by the Commission:

- IUPAC Guidelines for Single-Laboratory Validation of Methods of Analysis (for adoption by reference)

- Proposed amendments to the Procedural Manual:

- Amendment to the General Criteria for the Selection of Methods of Analysis Using the Criteria Approach

- New section on Working

Instructions for the Implementation of the Criteria Approach in Codex New Work:

- Review current Analytical Terminology for Codex

The Committee will continue work on:

- Proposed Draft Guidelines for Evaluating Acceptable Methods of Analysis

- Validation of methods

- Single Laboratory Validation

- Use of Proficiency Testing Schemes

- Endorsement of Methods of

Analysis and Sampling Provisions in Codex Standards

- Proposed Draft Guidelines for Settling of Disputes on Analytical (test) Results

- Criteria for Methods of Analysis for Foods derived from Biotechnology

Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA; USDA/ARS.

U.S. Participation: Yes.

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Certification and Inspection Systems

The Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems is charged with developing principles and guidelines for food import and export inspection and

certification systems to protect consumers and to facilitate trade. Additionally, the Committee develops principles and guidelines for the application of measures by competent authorities to provide assurance that foods comply with essential requirements, especially statutory health requirements. This encompasses work on: equivalence of food inspection systems including equivalence agreements, processes and procedures to ensure that sanitary measures are implemented; guidelines on food import control systems; and guidelines on food product certification and information exchange. The development of guidelines for the appropriate utilization of quality assurance systems to ensure that foodstuffs conform to requirements and to facilitate trade also are included in the Committee's terms of reference.

The following guidelines, found in ALINORM 03/30 and 03/30A, will be considered for adoption by the Codex Alimentarius Commission at its 26th Session in July 2003:

To be considered at Step 8:

- Draft Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems

- Draft Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence on Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems

The committee is continuing work on:

- Proposed Revised Draft Guidelines for the Exchange of Information in Food Control Emergency Situations

- Discussion paper on the Judgement of Equivalence of Technical Regulations Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems

- Discussion paper on "traceability/product tracing" in the context of inspection and certification systems

Responsible Agency: HHS/FDA; USDA/FSIS.

U.S. Participation: Yes.

Codex Committee on General Principles

The Codex Committee on General Principles deals with procedure and general matters as are referred to it by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The relevant documents are ALINORM 03/33 and ALINORM 03/33A. The following items will be considered at the 26th Session of the Commission in July 2003:

To be considered at Step 8:

- Draft Working Principles for Risk Analysis for Application within the Framework of Codex

The Committee continues to work on:

- Proposed Draft Working Principles for Risk Analysis as Guidance to National Governments

- Proposed Draft Revised Code of Ethics for International Trade in Foods