European Union comments for the

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Pilot project for JMPR recommendation of MRLs before national governments or other regional registration authorities for a global joint review chemical

European Union Competence.
European Union Vote.

The European Union (EU) would like to submit the following comments:

The EU is in favour of a worldwide harmonisation in the framework of the Codex Alimentarius system and has actively implemented CXLs in the EU legislation. Proposals to improve worldwide harmonisation via the Codex system are welcome, but as already argued in earlier CCPR sessions, they must be carefully evaluated before they can be accepted as part of the normal Codex procedure. The EU approved the pilot project on several conditions in 2010, one being a thorough evaluation of the process in conjunction with other parallel evaluations.

Notwithstanding the fact that we accept and appreciate the concepts of the pilot project it seems too early to agree with the proposals made. One issue, for example is the use of the global datasets which were not used by JMPR in the 2011 evaluation of Sulfoxaflor but is being used by the Global joint review.

For a complete acceptance of the pilot project it is necessary to wait for the evaluations to be completed by the Global Joint Review and JMPR and for the overall assessments of the pilot project by the participants showing advantages and disadvantage of the pilot project from their point of view.

Therefore, it is proposed to follow the option two in paragraph 15, i.e. to retain the proposed MRLs at Step 4 waiting for the completion of the independent global joint review and reconsider these MRLs as soon as the reports mentioned before are available.