The reply of the European Union to CL 2013/14-PR

DRAFT MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS FOR PESTICIDES AT STEP 8 (Paras 17-90 and Appendix II of REP 13/PR)

The EU supports the adoption of all the draft MRLs in Appendix II of REP 13/PR with the exception of the draft MRLs for the substances/commodities below for which the EU requests that its reservations are included in the report of CAC 36.

130 Diflubenzuron: The EU does not support the adoption of the draft MRLs due to potential carcinogenicity and genotoxicity of certain metabolites of diflubenzuron for which reason the substance is subject to re-assessment in the EU.

176 Hexythiazox: The EU does not support the adoption of the draft MRL for strawberry because of concerns regarding the toxicological profile of metabolite PT-1-3 and the behaviour of metabolites during processing.

PROPOSED DRAFT MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS FOR PESTICIDES AT STEP 5/8 (with omission of Steps 6/7) (Paras 17-90 and Appendix III of REP 13/PR)

The EU supports the adoption of all the proposed draft MRLs in Appendix III of REP 13/PR with the exception of the draft MRLs for the substances/commodities below for which the EU requests that its reservations are included in the report of CAC 36.

25 Dichlorvos: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRLs for eggs; poultry, edible offal of; poultry fats; poultry meat; rice and wheat because of a methodological disagreement about the use of human studies for deriving the ADI and ARfD, a missing metabolism study in poultry reflecting oral exposure and because JMPR did not assess the nature of residues in processed commodities. For rice and wheat, the proposed drafts MRLs also raise intake concerns.

26 Dicofol: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for tea, green, black because of the possible generation of chloroform in tea infusions.

81 Chlorothalonil: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRLs for banana and chard because there is no information on the concentration of the SDS-3701 metabolite which has significantly lower ARfD than the parent compound.

112 Phorate: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for potato because of the possible presence of formaldehyde as a degradation product.

119 Fenvalerate: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for Chinese broccoli because of acute intake concerns considering the consumption of broccoli, which is the crop to which the MRL would apply at EU level.

169 Cyromazine: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRLs for chick-pea (dry); lentil (dry); and lupin (dry) because of the possible presence of metabolite melamine and a missing
metabolism study on a third representative crop group, e.g. pulses. A separate risk assessment for melamine is required.

173 Buprofezin: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for tea, green because of insufficient number of residue trials and the potential formation of degradation products in tea infusions.

175 Glufosinate-Ammonium: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRLs for the assorted tropical and subtropical fruits, edible peel; assorted tropical and subtropical fruits, inedible peel because according to extrapolation rules agreed by CCPR the data would not be sufficient to set a MRL for the whole group. The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for currants, black, red, white because the data package used to derive the MRL proposals is very inconsistent. The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for potato because the residue trials reflecting alternative GAPs differed significantly and acute intake concerns were identified in certain cases. The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for stone fruits because the data package would allow deriving lower MRLs for certain individual crops (cherries and peaches/nectarines).

179 Cycloxydim: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for brassica (cole or cabbage) vegetables, head cabbage, flowerhead brassicas because the available data would allow deriving lower MRLs for certain individual crops (flowering brassica and head brassicas). The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for eggs because a lower MRL would be derived from the feeding study.

206 Imidacloprid: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for celery due to acute intake concerns.

209 Methoxyfenozide: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for fruiting vegetables, cucurbits because the dataset did not fulfil the principles for the use of the proportionality concept.

233 Spinetoram: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRLs for celery and spinach due to acute intake concerns. The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for brassica vegetables because of uncertainties caused by extrapolation.

251 Saflufenacil: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for pulses because sufficient data are available to establish separate MRLs at a lower level for different types of pulses.

252 Sulfoxaflor: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRLs because the substance is still under evaluation in the EU.

253 Penthiopyrad: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRLs for flowerhead brassicas; stone fruits; and leafy vegetables (except brassica leafy vegetables) because of a methodological disagreement concerning extrapolation and an acute intake concern for scarole in the group of leafy vegetables.
Dinotefuran: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRLs for brassicas; fruiting vegetables, cucurbits; fruiting vegetables other than cucurbits and leafy vegetables except water cress because of a methodological disagreement concerning extrapolation.

Fluxapyroxad: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft stone fruits group MRL because of a methodological disagreement concerning extrapolation.

Ametoctradin: The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRLs for brassica (cole or cabbage) vegetables, head cabbage, flowerhead brassicas; leafy vegetables because of a methodological disagreement concerning extrapolation. The EU does not support the adoption of proposed draft MRL for spring onion because of inadequate number of field trials.