

Revision of “Guidelines on Food Classification for the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation”

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Background

- ✿ “Guidelines on Food Classification for the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation” (the Guidelines) is intended to facilitate the trade in identifying the appropriate pesticide residue limits that are relevant to the food commodities concerned.
- ✿ The Guidelines is prepared by making reference to the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds.

Background

- ✿ The Guidelines is provided for information only. It does not have the force of law and should not be interpreted in any manner which would override the provision of the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation (“the Regulation”, Cap. 132CM) . In case of any inconsistency, the statutory provisions will prevail.

Background

- ✿ The Regulation has come into operation since 1 August 2014.
- ✿ One of the key features of the Regulation is to adopt the Codex standards as the backbone

Background

- ✿ Only food commodities of local interest/relevance are included in the Guidelines
 - ✦ Traders are recommended to refer to the original Codex Classification for a complete Codex list of food commodities if necessary.
- ✿ The Guidelines has also incorporated food items of special local interest not found on the Codex list.

Food Classification Tables

- ✿ Fruits
- ✿ Vegetables
- ✿ Grasses
- ✿ Nuts and seeds
- ✿ Herbs and spices

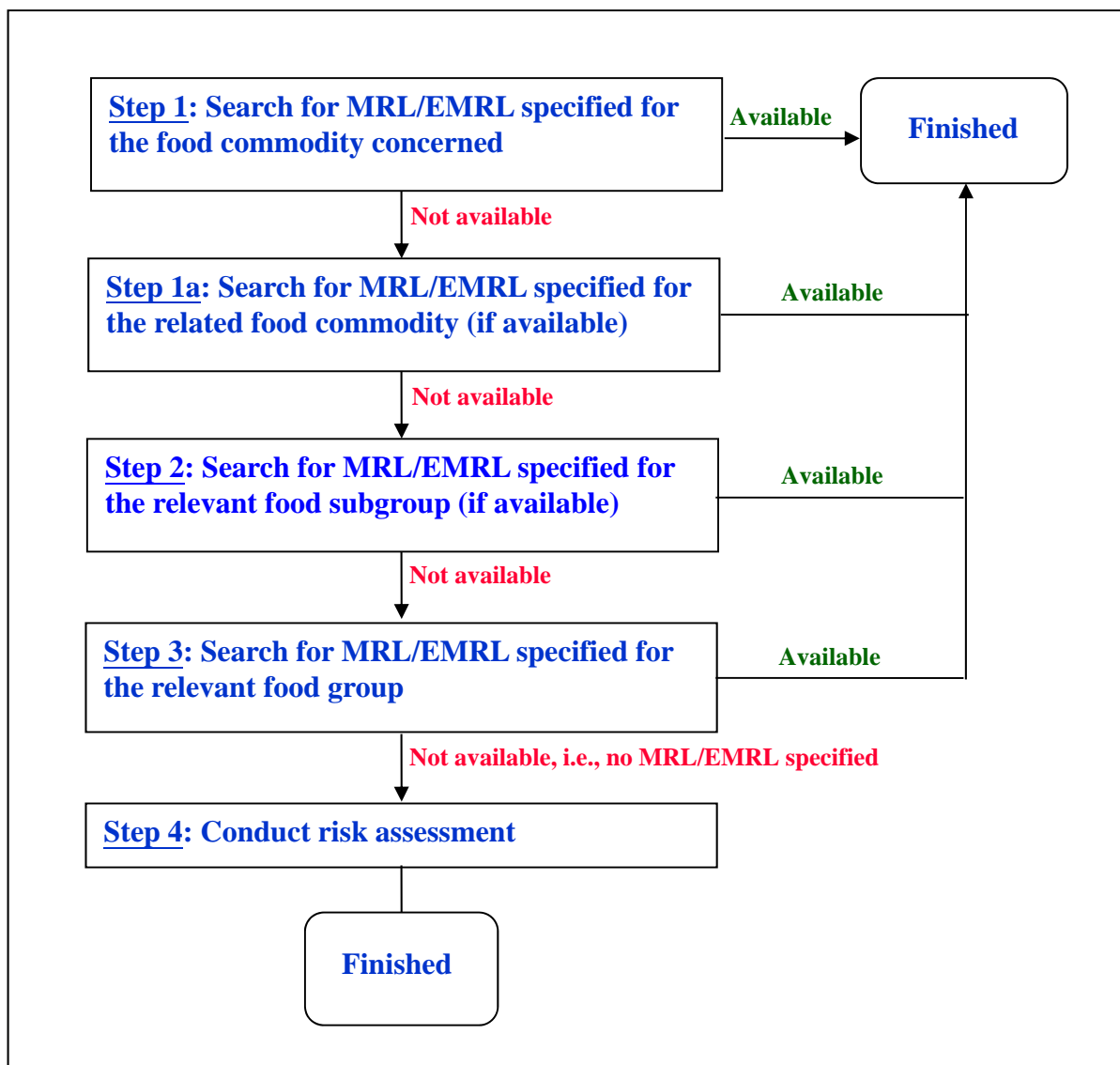
Example

Code no.	Common name	Scientific name
FC 0001	Citrus fruits	(includes all commodities in this group)
Subgroup C “Oranges, Sweet, Sour”		
-	Blood orange (see Orange, Sweet)	Cultivar of <i>Citrus sinensis</i> Osbeck

Group 1: Citrus fruits (group letter code FC)

- a. Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed). **Whole commodity.**

A summary diagram of finding the appropriate pesticide residue limits for a specified food item using the food classification tables



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VL 0053	葉菜類蔬菜(包括蕓薹屬葉菜類蔬菜) Leafy vegetables (including Brassica leafy vegetables)	
VL 0483	葉用萵苣(包括唐生菜、油麥菜、A菜) Lettuce, Leaf	葉用萵苣(包括唐生菜) Lettuce, Leaf

Proposed Revision (2)

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VL 0490	芭蕉葉 Plantain leaves	車前草/田貫草 Plantain leaves

Revision of the Guidelines

- ✿ The Guidelines is subject to periodic review and may be amended or supplemented as necessary from time to time.

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