

Objectives

Guideline on Food Classification for the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation (Cap. 132CM)

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- ◆ To facilitate the trade in identifying the appropriate pesticide residue limits that are relevant to the food commodities concerned
- ◆ To answer some frequently asked questions



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Background

- ◆ One of the key features of the Regulation is to adopt the Codex standards as the backbone
- ◆ 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.



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Food Classification Tables

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

Example

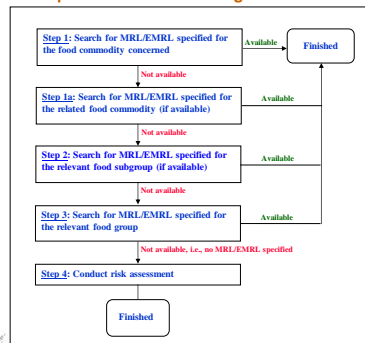
Code no.	Common name	Scientific name
FC 0001	Citrus fruits	(includes all commodities in this group)
Subgroup C "Oranges, Sweet, Sour"		
-	Blood orange (see Orange, Sweet)	Cultivar of <i>Citrus sinensis</i> Osbeck
Group 1: Citrus fruits (group letter code FC)		
a. Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies (and which is analysed) <u>Whole commodity</u>		



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



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Special Notes to Users - Example

- ◆ Food type "01 FRUITS"
 1. Melon-type fruits such as melon, watermelon, cantaloupe, etc., belong to "Fruiting vegetables – Cucurbits".
 2. Taking into consideration the water content and percentage of sugar, the similar use pattern of pesticides and the residues behaviour, and the portion of the commodity to which the MRLs apply, "Persimmon, Japanese" and "Persimmon, Chinese" are grouped under "pome fruits"; whereas "Persimmon, American" is grouped under "Assorted tropical and sub-tropical fruits – inedible peel".
 3. Coconut belongs to "Tree nuts" whereas "Coconut, Young" is grouped under "Assorted tropical and sub-tropical fruits – inedible peel".
 4. "Ground cherries" belongs to "Fruiting vegetables other than Cucurbits".

End



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