

Refined Regulatory Framework for Pesticide Residues in Food in Hong Kong Follow-up Actions

Technical Meeting
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Outline

- ✿ Legislation timetable
- ✿ Guidance documents
- ✿ MRL updating

Legislative timetable

✿ Public consultation

✦ Comments on refined framework

- before 19 September 2011

✦ Comments on MRLs/EMRLs for specific pesticide-food pairs

- on-going

✿ Plan to table the proposed Regulation in the Legislative Council towards the end of 2011

Guidance documents

- ✿ Food classification
- ✿ Application for revising/adding MRLs/EMRLs and adding exempted substances
- ✿ Guidance/Q&As on complying with the new regulatory requirements

Update of MRL/EMRL (1)

✿ With reference to the following standards :

✦ Codex

- MRLs & EMRLs (July 2011)

✦ Mainland China

- MRLs & EMRLs (GB 2763-2005, GB 2763-2005.1, GB 26130-2010, GB 25193-2010)

✦ USA

- MRLs: US Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Part 180 (as of 30 April 2011)
- EMRLs: US FDA's Compliance Policy Guides, Sec. 575.100 Pesticide Residues in Food and Feed

✦ Thailand

- MRLs: Thai Agricultural Commodity and Food Standard (TACFS 9002-2008)
- EMRLs: Ministry of Public Health Notification No.288 B.E.2548 (2005)

Update of MRLs/EMRLs (2)

- ✿ Updated set of MRLs/EMRLs to be included in the proposed Regulation to be tabled in the Legislative Council towards the end of 2011
- ✿ Comments on MRLs/EMRLs are welcome during the grace period
 - ⊕ Further update of MRLs/EMRLs before the date of implementation

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