Refined Regulatory Framework for Pesticide Residues in Food in Hong Kong

Follow-up Actions

Technical Meeting
6 September 2011
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**

- **USA**
  - 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)
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