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DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM WITHIN THE CLASSIFICATION TO PROVIDE CODES FOR COMMODITIES NOT MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR CROP GROUPING (AT STEP 4)

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BACKGROUND

1. Background on the discussion of the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXM 4-1989) can be found in the reports of the 36th – 49th sessions of the Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) including relevant sessions of the Codex Alimentarius (CAC) held from 2004 to 2017.¹
2. CCPR49 (2017) agreed with the development of a system that provide codes within the Classification for commodities which do not meet the crop criteria grouping (e.g. water chestnut, foxnut, lotus seeds, etc.). The development of such system should be further developed by the Electronic Working Group (EWG) on the Revision of the Classification and submitted for consideration by the next session of CCPR. The Committee also acknowledged that it would be not possible to select representative commodities for such commodities.²
3. One of the terms of reference³ (TOR) given to the EWG⁴ by CCPR49 (2017) was to develop a system within the Classification to provide codes for commodities that do not meet the criteria for crop grouping. Examples of these types of commodities include water chestnut (*Trapa natans*), foxnut (*Euryale ferox*) and lotus seed (*Nelumbo nucifera*); other examples include oilseed commodities that were previously included in Subgroup 023D Other oilseeds.
4. Two options were discussed by the EWG. Option 1 would create a separate Type within each Class to provide a list of commodities and codes that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a crop group. The other option was to create "Other"⁵ subgroups within a crop group as considered by CCPR41 (2009). Option 1 was preferred by the EWG, although Canada supported the use of both possible options.

CONCLUSION

5. Appendix I to this document presents Option 1 that provide codes for commodities not meeting the criteria for crop grouping.

RECOMMENDATION

6. The Committee should consider the two options to develop a system within the Classification to provide codes for commodities that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a crop group i.e. (i) the establishment of a separate Type within each Class to provide a list of commodities and codes that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a crop group or (ii) to create "Other" subgroups within a crop group.

¹ Reports of Codex committee meetings are available at:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/en/?committee=CCPR>

² REP17/PR, para. 130

³ REP17/PR, para. 141

⁴ The list of participants can be found in CX/PR 18/50/6, Appendix V

⁵ ALINORM 09/32/24, para. 140

APPENDIX I**OPTION 1**

Type	No.	Group ¹	Group Letter Code	Pag. No.
M Miscellaneous	029	Miscellaneous, unclassified commodities	MU	

¹ Note that due to the heterogeneous nature of the miscellaneous commodities, no representative commodities will be established for miscellaneous groups.