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In the absence of notifications by governments in reply to this communication, any full acceptances which have been notified previously in relation to the maximum residue limits for pesticides, contained in CAC/VOL XIII-Ed.2 and Supplements 1 and 2, will be maintained.

It is hoped that all Members of the Commission and international organizations to which competence in the matter has been transferred by their Member States will be able to respond positively to the requests of the Commission and its Executive Committee to make special efforts to accept formally the Codex maximum residue limits for pesticides and veterinary drugs.



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The Joint Office of the FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO Headquarters, Rome, will be pleased to provide to the appropriate authorities in each country any information, explanation or assistance that may be required with respect to the maximum residue limits, to the acceptance procedure or to the activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in general.

Replies should be addressed to the Chief, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy.

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