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Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting

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Glyphosate Situation:

- EU to re-register product for 10-year period
 - Commission will adopt its own proposal
 - Member States Experts failed to reach agreement
 - France had pushed for 7-year period
 - 5 years – not long enough for evaluation process?
 - Registration has no impact on continuing MRL review
 - ECF/ISIC processing study for coffee – ongoing
- UK post Brexit review date by Dec 2025 – specific evaluation
- No further update on UK MRL review

Contaminants

- **Acrylamide**

- Continued debate on Benchmark vs Maximum Levels
- ECF gathering further data - 7,000 data points for 2023

- Current state of FSA priority review process

- Acrylamide to follow T2/HT2 in priority
- FSA call for data – timing?
- Importance of data reinforced, less rigorous format than EU

- **MOAH/MOSH**

- Dutch controls from January '24 on baby foods
- Other products to be withdrawn if over the EU action limits (50% uncertainty applied)
- ECF looking at project with cocoa on jute bag contamination



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Multiple Source Substances

- Food and Drink sector concern on current EU definition of pesticide residues
 - Article 3 Reg 396/2005
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- Definition captures other products such as biocides, disinfectants & environmental contaminants
- Question on how GB might move away from EU and revise definition
- Limits could be based on occurrence data
- Some support from FSA for a change
- 2-Phenylphenol & Furan would be coffee related examples.
- FDF finalised letter to Defra, DoH, FSA, HSE
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Transboundary Movement of Pests

- Topic arose at PHSI conference in 2022
- Question raised of certification for containers
- Opportunity for alternative industry guidance
- Aim to involve wide range of industry stakeholders/bodies to finalise approach
- Looking to draw on or complement existing guidance where appropriate

■ **Dichloromethane**

- ECHA report proposes reclassification of DCM
- Used in coffee as solvent in decaffeination process (widely used in EU plants)
- Original proposal for reclassification came from Italy – to be carcinogenic & mutagenic
- DCM used in range of industries where worker exposure is biggest concern
- Many of the studies done have not looked at coffee, particularly as consumed
- ECF contributed to recent consultation, supporting solvents association
- Belief of strong technical and legal arguments against reclassification
- Next steps see ECHA Risk Assessment Cte reach a decision – could be up to 18 months
- Commission would then consider updating Annex in existing legislation to reflect change