



**SPS COMMITTEE THEMATIC SESSION ON TRADE
FACILITATIVE APPROCHES TO MRLS, INCLUDING
SUBSTANCES NOT APPROVED FOR USE IN
IMPORT MARKETS TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 2022**

**Uganda's Perspective on Trade Challenges
and Solutions to MRLs in Food Commodities**

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The horticulture subsector in Uganda

- Horticulture is one of the fastest growing sectors in Uganda and is listed as a strategic export in the Uganda Strategic Exports Programme...
- The sector employs a large number of people and horticulture exports are worth US\$35 million per year
- It accounts for 23.70% of the National GDP
- The European Union is the largest exports destination

Adoption of Codex MRLs to facilitate trade in most Horticulture Products

- Uganda has harmonized its national MRLs with that of Codex
- Uganda has supported MRLs regional harmonization process
- Uganda has no trade issues using codex MRLs in the regional market

Challenges: Different MRLs in the market

Pesticides	Commodity	EU MRLs (mg/kg)	Codex MRLs (mg/kg)
Acephate	Beans	0.01	5
Chloropyrifos	Pepper Chilli	0.05	20
Dimethoate	Egg plant	0.02	-
Methamidophos	Beans	0.01	1
Methomyl	Beans	0.01	1
Indocarb	Peppers	0.02	0.03

Challenges: Dimethoate Notifications for Egg plant

Countries	Reported levels mg/kg
Italy	0.42
Spain	0.16
Belgium	0.133
France/Germany	0.18
Neatherland	0.18
Uk	0.22

Challenges :Trade issues associated to MRLs

- Changing regulatory landscape in the market (e.g. cut off Criteria)
- Mitigating some of these bottle necks demands cooperation among all the players (Governments and industries)

Challenges : At Codex Level

- Unsupported Compounds by Industry
- Absence of Codex MRLs for some of the compounds

Ongoing interventions

- STDF data generation project to support MRL setting in collaboration with USA Government
- STDF project on combining conventional pesticides and Microbial -based biopesticide
- EU support to strengthen laboratory capacity and regulatory framework in Uganda
- IAEA support to lab analysis of pesticide residues from field studies
- Global Minor Use support data generation sulfoxaflor in passion fruits and Indoxacarb in Coffee

Way forward



- Harmonization of procedures for MRLs setting at the national, regional, international levels
- Encouraging more Joint data generation programs with the participation of African Countries
- Creation of regional minor use programs
- Enhancing capacities for Africa experts to review both toxicological and pesticide residue data sets

Way forward



- Monitoring programs for compliance
- Registration of safer compounds
- Strengthening laboratory capacities
- Increased participation in CCPR

Thank you for your attention!

