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**Public Notice**

**Subject:** Recommendation of the scientific panel on pesticide residue (SPPR) on the crop grouping document.

This is to inform that the Scientific Panel on Pesticide Residue (SPPR), Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has provided their recommendations on "Crop Grouping" to the Secretariat of CIB&RC and the same has been placed in 468th RC meeting (Vide agenda item no. 10.81) held on 12.01.2026, where in the Registration Committee has decided as under:

*"RC deliberated the agenda in detail and noted the recommendations of the Scientific Panel on Pesticide Residue on the Crop Grouping Principles. In this regard, RC directs the Secretary, CIB&RC to seek the comments and opinion from pesticide industries and stakeholders for further necessary action."*

In this regard, the recommendations on crop grouping given by the the Advisor, Scientific Panel of Pesticides (SPPR), FSSAI are furnished hereunder.

I) For extrapolation of MRLs under crop grouping, out of the required dataset of eight locations and one season (8L1S), a minimum of four location data points shall be generated from the representative crop. The remaining four location data points may be generated either from the representative crop or from any of the member crops within the crop group. This shall ensure the availability of eight data points, which is the minimum requirement for OECD calculations. Further, in cases where two representative crops are identified within a subgroup, four data points from each representative crop may also be considered.

II). For herbicides, the existing requirement of three locations and two seasons (3L2S) shall continue to apply. For minor crops (e.g., spices, herbs, tea, apple), the requirement of four locations and one season (4L1S) shall remain applicable.

III). The above data relaxation shall be applicable only where the application dose, expressed as a.i./ha or as a percentage, is the same or

lower. A dose variation of up to 25% shall be acceptable.

In view of the above, a public notice is hereby issued and giving fifteen days' time from the date of publication of the notice to all the stakeholders and pesticide industries for the submission of their comments and opinions to the Secretariat of CIB&RC through [cibsecy@nic.in](mailto:cibsecy@nic.in) for further necessary action.

This issues with the approval of Secretary, CIB&RC.

Yours faithfully,

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