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## EC Regulation on Maximum Residue Levels of pesticides

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members that as reported at the meeting of the Private Sector Consultative Board on 16 May 2005, the EU is in the process of consolidating and harmonizing Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin. Commission Regulation No. 396/2005, amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC was published in the Official Journal of the European Union of 16 March 2005. This new legislation will apply to a number of commodities, including coffee and MRLs will need to be established. A copy of this legislation is available from the Secretariat on request.

2. To facilitate discussions on appropriate limits for MRLs by the EU, the representative of the European Coffee Federation (ECF) in the Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) has suggested that producing Members might inform the Executive Director of the use of pesticides on coffee in their countries (including the names of all pesticides used). If so wished, this information should be sent as soon as possible to the ICO Secretariat by email to [info@ico.org](mailto:info@ico.org) or by fax to: +44 020 7580 6129, so that it can be conveyed to the EU representative and to the PSCB.