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Topic: Scientific Monographs used in the Determination of Health-based Guidance Values

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Question:

Can FSANZ please provide the appropriate website/s where scientific monographs used in the determination of health-based guidance values are available?

Answer:

The health-based guidance values (HBGVs) used in the MRL proposal process are sourced from either the Australian Office of Chemical Safety (OCS) or the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR).

The OCS Acceptable Daily Intakes for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (current as of 31 December 2014) are available at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ocs-adi-list.htm>

The OCS Acute Reference Doses for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (current as of 31 December 2014) are available at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ocs-arfd-list.htm>

The JMPR HBGVs are published in the 'Inventory of evaluations performed by the JMPR', available at <http://apps.who.int/pesticide-residues-jmpr-database/> and in the JMPR Reports and evaluations, available at <http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/thematic-sitemap/theme/pests/jmpr/jmpr-rep/en/>