

11 August 2005

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u>																																				
2.	Agency responsible: New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA)																																				
3.	<p>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</p> <p>The NZFSA proposes to amend the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2005 (No.2) in the following four ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to set five new MRLs; 2. to set one MRL exemption; 3. to include new MRLs for 30 reassessed compounds; and 4. to remove six de-registered compounds. <p>The five proposed new MRLs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.01mg/kg for azoxystrobin on sweetcorn; • 0.002mg/kg for emamectin benzoate on grapes; • 0.01mg/kg for picoxystrobin on wheat and barley crops, including setting MRLs of 0.01mg/kg for cattle muscle, fat and offal, due to consumption of wheat and barley as animal feed crops; • 0.3mg/kg for quinoxyfen on grapes; and • 0.15mg/kg for cattle fat, 0.1 mg/kg for cattle muscle, 0.5mg/kg for cattle liver and 0.25mg/kg for cattle kidney for toltrazuril. <p>The proposed exemption is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • calcium polysulphide (lime sulphur), when used as a fungicide or an insecticide for any food-producing plant species. <p>The 30 compounds for reassessment are:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">1. 1-methylcyclopropene</td> <td style="width: 33%;">2. Endothal</td> <td style="width: 33%;">3. Methabenthiazuron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Acephate</td> <td>5. Fenamiphos</td> <td>6. Paclobutrazol</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. Azaconazole</td> <td>8. Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl</td> <td>9. Phosphine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10. Azoxystrobin</td> <td>11. Fluazinam</td> <td>12. Propiconazole</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13. Bentazone</td> <td>14. Fluroxypyr</td> <td>15. Spinosad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16. Bifenthrin</td> <td>17. Flusulfamide</td> <td>18. Thiamethoxam</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19. Buprofezin</td> <td>20. Fuberidazole</td> <td>21. Tolyfluanid</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22. Chlorpyrifos</td> <td>23. Halosulfuron-methyl</td> <td>24. Tralkoxydim</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25. Clomazone</td> <td>26. Imazapyr</td> <td>27. Tri-allate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28. Dodine</td> <td>29. Isoproturon</td> <td>30. Tribenuron-methyl</td> </tr> </table> <p>The de-registered compounds proposed for removal are:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">• Bitertanol</td> <td style="width: 50%;">• Nitrothal-Isopropyl</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Methidathion</td> <td>• Phosmet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Naled</td> <td>• Baquiloprim.</td> </tr> </table>	1. 1-methylcyclopropene	2. Endothal	3. Methabenthiazuron	4. Acephate	5. Fenamiphos	6. Paclobutrazol	7. Azaconazole	8. Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl	9. Phosphine	10. Azoxystrobin	11. Fluazinam	12. Propiconazole	13. Bentazone	14. Fluroxypyr	15. Spinosad	16. Bifenthrin	17. Flusulfamide	18. Thiamethoxam	19. Buprofezin	20. Fuberidazole	21. Tolyfluanid	22. Chlorpyrifos	23. Halosulfuron-methyl	24. Tralkoxydim	25. Clomazone	26. Imazapyr	27. Tri-allate	28. Dodine	29. Isoproturon	30. Tribenuron-methyl	• Bitertanol	• Nitrothal-Isopropyl	• Methidathion	• Phosmet	• Naled	• Baquiloprim.
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4.	<p>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</p> <p>Any countries using the agricultural compounds that are proposed for reassessment or removal, using any of the compounds for which new MRLs are proposed, or using the compound proposed for exemption, in relation to produce intended for export to New Zealand (refer also to section 8).</p>																																				
5.	<p>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</p> <p>New Zealand Food Safety Authority: New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2005 (No.2): WTO Consultation: August/September/October 2005, (English), (15 pages).</p>																																				

6.	Description of content:
The document contains technical details on proposals to amend the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2005 (No.2), as set out in section 3.	
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p>International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>If an international standards, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p> <p>Clause 7 of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2005 (No.2) (the domestic MRL standards) states, inter alia, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food containing residues of agricultural compounds up to but not exceeding the domestic MRL standards may be sold in New Zealand; and • food containing residues of agricultural compounds not exceeding 0.1mg/kg, where that agricultural compound is not listed in the domestic MRL standard, or that compound is not listed in the domestic MRL standard in relation to that food (type, kind or class), may be sold in New Zealand. <p>Imported food may be sold in New Zealand provided that it complies with either the conditions above, or may contain residues of an agricultural compound no greater than the maximum residue limits specified for that compound and that food (type, kind or class) in the current editions or supplements of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission publications titled <i>Pesticide Residues in Food</i> or <i>Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods</i>.</p>
9.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2005 (No.2) (English).</p>
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 27 October 2005
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 24 November 2005
12.	<p>Final date for comments: 12 October 2005</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>NZ (MRL) Food Standards Policy Group New Zealand Food Safety Authority PO Box 2835 WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND</p> <p>Tel: +64 4 463 3416 Fax: +64 4 463 2583 Email: policy@nzfsa.govt.nz Website: http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/policy-law/consultation/index.htm</p>
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