

25 November 2005

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

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) by adding four new MRLs. The proposed new MRLs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.01mg/kg for azoxystrobin on maize; • 0.1mg/kg for flusilazole on citrus fruits; • 0.02mg/kg for prohexadione-calcium on pome fruits; and • 0.02mg/kg for trifloxystrobin on kiwifruit.
4.	<p>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</p> <p>Any countries using any of the compounds for which new MRLs are proposed 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: November/December/January 2005/2006, (English), (8 pages).</p>
6.	<p>Description of content:</p> <p>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.</p>
7.	<p>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.</p>
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 standard, 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.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
	New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2005 (No.2) (English).
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 22 February 2006
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 23 March 2006
12.	<p data-bbox="284 371 804 405">Final date for comments: 25 January 2006</p> <p data-bbox="284 416 1453 517">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 data-bbox="284 528 711 707">NZ (MRL) Food Standards Policy Group New Zealand Food Safety Authority PO Box 2835 WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND</p> <p data-bbox="284 730 1187 763">Tel: +64 4 463 3416 Fax: +64 4 463 2583 Email: policy@nzfsa.govt.nz</p> <p data-bbox="284 775 1091 808">Website: http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/policy-law/consultation/index.htm</p>
13.	<p data-bbox="284 819 1453 887">Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p data-bbox="284 898 663 1055">Coordinator, SPS New Zealand PO Box 2526 101-103 The Terrace Wellington New Zealand</p> <p data-bbox="284 1066 1129 1099">Tel: +64 4 474 4140 Fax: +64 4 470 2730 E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz</p> <p data-bbox="284 1111 1219 1151">Website: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>