

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
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 the following new MRLs and exemptions.</p> <p>The proposed new MRLs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.01mg/kg for azoxystrobin on onions, 0.02mg/kg for azoxystrobin on peas (without pods) and 0.02mg/kg for azoxystrobin on potatoes; • 0.01mg/kg for fipronil on onions; • 0.01 mg/kg for fluoxastrobin on cereal grains; • 1.0 mg/kg for imidacloprid on lettuce; • 0.05mg/kg for iprovalicarb on onions and 0.05mg/kg for iprovalicarb on potatoes; • 0.02mg/kg for prothioconazole on cereal grains; • 0.05mg/kg for spinosad on citrus fruits; and • 0.02mg/kg for thiacloprid on stone fruits (except cherries). <p>The proposed MRL exemptions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agrobacterium radiobacter</i> when used as a beneficial bacterium in the treatment and prevention of crown gall infections; • <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> when used as a fungicide or bactericide on food producing plant species; • <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> when used as an insecticide for the control of aphids, thrips and whitefly on food producing plant species; • bronopol when used as an anti-microbial agent for farmed salmonids and farmed salmonid eggs. • <i>Cydia pomonella granulosis virus</i> when used as an insecticide for the control of coddling moth larvae for food producing plant species; and • fish oil (food grade) when used as a fungicide or insecticide on all food producing plant species.
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 the new MRLs and MRL exemptions 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: April/May/June 2006, (English), (30 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: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] 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.	<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.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 20 July 2006</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: 17 August 2006</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: 21 June 2006</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>
13.	<p>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>Sally Griffin Coordinator, SPS New Zealand PO Box 2526 101-103 The Terrace Wellington New Zealand</p> <p>Tel: +64 4 819 0431 Fax: +64 4 819 0731 E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz Website: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>