

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>Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds</p>
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 are proposed in relation to produce/commodities 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 2006: WTO Consultation: October - December 2006, (English), (18 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 2006, as set out in section 3. NZFSA proposes to add the following seven MRLs to Schedule One of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2006:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0mg/kg for closantel in cattle fat, 3.0mg/kg for closantel in cattle kidney, 1.0mg/kg for closantel in cattle liver and 1.0mg/kg for closantel in cattle muscle; • 0.15mg/kg for doramectin in milk; • 0.02mg/kg for fenpropidin in barley and 0.02mg/kg for fenpropidin in wheat; • 0.01mg/kg for mesotrione in maize; • 0.01mg/kg for pinoxaden in cereal grains; • 0.01mg/kg for ractopamine in pig fat, 0.09mg/kg for ractopamine in pig kidney, 0.04mg/kg for ractopamine in pig liver and 0.01mg/kg for ractopamine in pig muscle; and <p>0.3mg/kg for trifloxystrobin on citrus (except Clementine/Satsuma mandarins), 0.02mg/kg for trifloxystrobin in grapes, 0.02mg/kg for trifloxystrobin in mandarins (Clementine/Satsuma) and 0.02mg/kg for trifloxystrobin in stone fruits (except cherries).</p>
7.	<p>Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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 6 of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2006 (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.

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 *Pesticide Residues in Food* or *Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods*.

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2006 (English).

10. Proposed date of adoption: 20 January 2007

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 17 February 2007

12. Final date for comments: 6 December 2006

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