

NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u></p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA)</p>
<p>3. 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): Agricultural Compounds</p>
<p>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: 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>
<p>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: New Zealand Food Safety Authority: Proposals to Amend the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2007, December 2007 (English), (32 pages).</p>
<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 2007, as set out in section 3.</p> <p>NZFSA proposes to add the following seven MRLs to Schedule One of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2007:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.1mg/kg for amitraz in honey; and 1mg/kg for amitraz in other bee products; • 0.05mg/kg for azinphos-methyl in potatoes as a replacement for 2mg/kg for azinphos-methyl in vegetables; • 0.02mg/kg for doramectin in sheep meat as a replacement for 0.01mg/kg for doramectin in sheep meat; • 0.05mg/kg for marbofloxacin in pig fat; and 0.15mg/kg for marbofloxacin in pig kidney, pig liver, and pig meat; • 0.1mg/kg for myclobutanil in pome fruits; • 0.02mg/kg for pyraclostrobin in apples, barley, milk, pears and wheat; and 0.02mg/kg for pyraclostrobin in mammalian fat, kidney, liver and meat; and • 0.01mg/kg for quinoxifen in cucurbits (inedible peel). <p>NZFSA proposes to delete the following eight MRLs from Schedule One of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2007:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5mg/kg for benalaxyl in grapes and tomatoes; • 3mg/kg for bromopropylate in citrus fruits; • 30mg/kg for sec-butylamine in citrus fruits; • 2mg/kg for methidathion in citrus fruits; • 30mg/kg for methylene chloride in spices; • 2mg/kg for naled in berries and other small fruits, and vegetables; • 0.2mg/kg for nitrothal-isopropyl in pome fruits; and • 15mg/kg for phosmet in kiwifruit; and 10mg/kg for phosmet in other fruit. <p>NZFSA proposes to add the following six MRL exemptions to Schedule Two of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2007:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ammonium thiosulphate when applied during flowering for fruit reduction in pomefruit and stonefruit; • extract of azadirachta indica (neem – containing azadirachtin) where the primary mode of action derives from the presence of azadirachtin, and • 1, 4-dimethylnaphthalene when used for maintenance of sprout inhibition in stored potatoes;

- hydrogen peroxide when used as a spray-on fungicide and bactericide treatment for fruit;
- peroxyacetic acid when used as a spray-on fungicide and bactericide treatment for fruit; and
- potassium bicarbonate when used as a fungicide for fruit and cucurbits.

NZFSA proposes to delete the following MRL exemption from Schedule Three of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2007:

oestradiol-17 beta and its esters or conjugates used for treatment of suboestrus, dystocia, metritis, pyometra, retained placenta, anoestrus in mares or growth promotion in cattle.

7. **Objective and rationale:** food safety, animal health, plant protection, protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, protect territory from other damage from pests.

8. **International standard, guideline or recommendation:**
 Codex Alimentarius Commission, Office International des Epizooties,
 International Plant Protection Convention, None

If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

Clause 6 of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2007 (the domestic MRL standards) states, inter alia, that:

- 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 2007 (English).

10. **Proposed date of adoption:** 13 March 2008

11. **Proposed date of entry into force:** 10 April 2008

12. **Final date for comments:** 5:00 pm on Friday 29 February 2008

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