

30 May 2008

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.	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): Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds
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).
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 2008: 30 May 2008, (English), (31 pages).
6.	<p>Description of content: NZFSA proposes to add the following nine MRLs to Schedule One of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.0003mg/kg for chloramphenicol in any food • 0.3mg/kg for chlorantraniliprole in brassica vegetables and pomefruit; • 0.05mg/kg for cymoxanil in garlic, onions and potatoes; • 1mg/kg for cyprodinil in strawberries; • 1mg/kg for fludioxinil in strawberries; • 0.2mg/kg for formetanate hydrochloride in onions; • 0.15mg/kg for lincomycin in cattle milk; • 0.02mg/kg for myclobutanil in cucurbits (inedible peel); • 1.5mg/kg for neomycin in cattle milk as a replacement for 0.5mg/kg for neomycin in cattle milk; and • 0.05mg/kg for spinosad in tomatoes as a replacement for 0.01mg/kg for spinosad in tomatoes. <p>NZFSA proposes to add the following MRL exemptions to Schedule Three of the Standards: Chlorhexidine and its digluconate salt when applied as a topical antiseptic to all food producing species except fish. The document contains technical details on proposals to amend the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2008, as set out in section 3.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [X] 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 2008 (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 2008 (English).

10. **Proposed date of adoption:** 14 August 2007

11. **Proposed date of entry into force:** 11 September 2008

12. **Final date for comments:** 30 July 2008

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