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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> New Zealand <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA)
<b>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):</b> Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [specific regions or countries] or [ ] all trading partners</b> 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).
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> New Zealand Food Safety Authority: Proposals for Amendment No. 3 the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2008, May 2009 (English) (46 Pages)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The document referred to in section 5 contains technical details on proposals to amend the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2008. NZFSA proposes to add the following new MRLs to the Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0.1mg/kg for boscalid in kiwifruit;</li><li>• 0.05mg/kg for boscalid in stonefruit;</li><li>• 3mg/kg for carbaryl in cabbages and tomatoes as a replacement for 3mg/kg for carbaryl in vegetables;</li><li>• 0.01mg/kg for cyprodinil in bulb onions;</li><li>• 0.5mg/kg for fenitrothion in cereals as a replacement for 10mg/kg for fenitrothion in cereals;</li><li>• 0.01mg/kg for fludioxonil in bulb onions;</li><li>• 0.5mg/kg for methomyl in berries and other small fruits, and fruiting vegetables(except cucurbits) as a replacement for 0.3mg/kg in berries and other small fruits, and fruiting vegetables(except cucurbits)</li></ul>

- 0.01mg/kg for propiconazole in olives;
- 0.02mg/kg for pyraclostrobin in kiwifruit and stonefruit;
- 0.1mg/kg for pyriproxyfen in cucumbers;
- 1mg/kg for pyriproxyfen in tomatoes;
- 2mg/kg for spinosad in sheep fat as a replacement for 0.2mg/kg in sheep fat;
- 0.5mg/kg for spinosad in sheep kidneys and liver as a replacement for 0.05mg/kg in sheep kidneys and liver;

NZFSA proposes to delete the following MRLs from the Standards:

- MRLs for Bitertanol, Famphur and Parathion-methyl
- MRLs for Endosulfan

NZFSA proposes to add the following MRL exemption to the Standards:

- Benzalkonium chloride when used as a fungicide on kiwifruit and olives
- Boric acid when used as a fungicide for wound treatment
- Iron-EDTA complex when used as a molluscicide
- Iron Phosphate when used as molluscicide
- Salicylic acid when used on fruit.

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. **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  
 Codex Alimentarius Commission  
     Codex Pesticide Residues in Food and Codex Veterinary Drug Residues  
 World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)  
     [(e.g., Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)]  
 International Plant Protection Convention  
     [(e.g., ISPM N°)]  
 None  
**Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  Yes  No  
     **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**

9. **Other 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 (dd/mm/yy):** 25/5/2009  
**Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** 29/5/2009

<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication and/or [DATE: dd/mm/yy]_26/6/2009 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification (DATE) or [DATE: dd/mm/yy] 11/05/2009 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:  NZ (MRL) Food Standards Policy Group New Zealand Food Safety Authority PO Box 2835 WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND  Tel: +64 4 894 5554 Fax: +64 4 894 2583 Email: <a href="mailto:policy@nzfsa.govt.nz">policy@nzfsa.govt.nz</a></p>
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