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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <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 and veterinary medicines
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [specific regions or countries] or [x] all trading partners Any countries using any of the compounds for which the new MRLs are proposed in relation to produce or 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 2009(English, 28 pages) (July 2009)
6. Description of content: 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 2009. NZFSA proposes to add the following MRLs to Schedule one of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.05mg/kg for abamectin in sheep fat;• 0.025mg/kg for abamectin in sheep liver;• 0.02mg/kg for abamectin in sheep kidney and sheep meat;• 0.02mg/kg for abamectin in cattle fat as a replacement for 0.02mg/kg in mammalian fat;• 0.015mg/kg for abamectin in cattle liver as a replacement for 0.015mg/kg in liver;• 0.01mg/kg for abamectin in cattle meat as a replacement for 0.01mg/kg in meat;• 0.5mg/kg for fluquinconazole in mammalian fat;• 0.1mg/kg for fluquinconazole in mammalian kidney;• 0.2mg/kg for fluquinconazole in mammalian liver;

- 0.02mg/kg¹ for fluquinconazole in mammalian meat;
- 0.01mg/kg* for fluquinconazole in wheat;
- 7mg/kg for monepantel in goat fat;
- 5mg/kg for monepantel in goat liver;
- 2mg/kg for monepantel in goat kidney;
- 0.7mg/kg for monepantel in goat meat;
- 0.4mg/kg for nitroxylin in cattle meat and kidney;
- 0.2mg/kg for nitroxylin in cattle fat;
- 0.02mg/kg for nitroxylin in cattle liver; and
- 0.1mg/kg for spinosad in grapes.

NZFSA also proposes to add the following MRL exemptions to Schedule two New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2009

- Chlorine dioxide when used as a fungicide on fruit and vegetables; and
- Ethyl formate when used as a post-harvest fumigant on cereal grains, fruit, oilseeds and vegetables

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

[(e.g., title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)]

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:

Clause 6 of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2009 (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

¹ NOTE: (*) indicates that the maximum residue limit has been set at or about the limit of analytical quantification

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. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2009 (English).

10. Proposed date of adoption: 12 October 2009

Proposed date of publication: 31/July 2009

11. Proposed date of entry into force (9/11/2009): [] Six months from date of publication and/or [DATE:]

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [x] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification (28 September 2009

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