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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
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): vegetables; fruit; animal and other food products.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [specific regions or countries] or [X] all trading partners
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Proposals to Amend (No. 1) the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2011, MAF Discussion Paper No: 2011/3. April 2011 (English), (19 pages).
6. Description of content: The document contains technical details on proposals to amend the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2011. MAF proposes to add the following new MRLs to Schedule One of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.01mg/kg for forchlorfenuron when used as a plant growth regulator on apples;• 0.02mg/kg for thiacloprid when used as an insecticide on potatoes;• 0.3mg/kg for spirotetramat when used as an insecticide on tomatoes;• 0.01mg/kg, and 0.05mg/kg for phosphine when used as an insecticide on: any food (except cereal grains and pome fruits); and pome fruits (respectively); and• 9mg/kg, 4mg/kg, and 4mg/kg for nicarbazin when used as a coccidiostat on poultry: edible offal; muscle; and skin/fat (respectively). MAF proposes that the following exemptions be added to Schedule Two of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Didecyl Dimethyl Ammonium Chloride when applied as a fungicide on pipfruits;• Ethylene when used for ripening and de-greening of fruits; and• Phosphorous acid when directly used as an agricultural compound, and a representative of the use of fosetyl aluminium as an agricultural compound. MAF proposes that the following exemptions be added to Schedule Three of the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecirelin when used as a treatment of fertility disorders of ovarian origin and/or anoestrus, for the purpose of inducing ovulation and increasing conception rates in cattle, horses, and rabbits.
7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety [] animal health [] plant protection [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease [] protect territory from other damage from pests

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission [(e.g., title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) [(e.g., Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention [(e.g., ISPM N°)]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 15/07/11 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 21/07/11</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy): <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication and/or 18/08/11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
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