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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. 2) the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards 2011, MAF Discussion Paper No: 2012/5. March 2012 (English), (11 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 the MRL Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.1mg/kg for etoxazole when used as a miticide on avocados;• 0.02 mg/kg for fenbuconazole when used as a fungicide on pome fruit;• 0.02mg/kg for proquinazid when used as a fungicide on grapes, 0.1mg/kg when used on apples or cucurbits (edible peel), and 0.01mg/kg when used on cucurbits (inedible peel). MAF proposes to exempt the following substance from the MRL Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Didecyl Dimethyl Ammonium Chloride when used as a fungicide on fruits and vegetables; MAF proposes to make these amendments to the following MRLs from the MRL Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delete the MRL for azinphos-methyl on kiwifruit and change food type; fruits (except kiwifruit) to stonefruits and strawberry;• Delete the MRL entries for baquiloprim, clopidol, 3,5-dinitro-o-toluamide, dichlofluanid, bioallethrin, bioresmethrin and fenbutatin oxide.
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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission

<p>[(e.g., title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)</p> <p>[(e.g., Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention</p> <p>[(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.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 3/08/12</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 9/08/12</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy): <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication and/or 5/09/12</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification (DATE)</p> <p>or 18/06/12</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:</p>
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