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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## NOTIFICATION

- **1. Notifying Member:** <u>NEW ZEALAND</u>
  - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Ministry for Primary Industries
- 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 products, and other food products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Proposals to Amend the New Zealand Food Notice: Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Compounds. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 37

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/NZL/25\_02191\_00\_e.pdf

**6. Description of content:** The document contains technical details on proposals to amend the current Notice issued under the Food Act 2014 that lists the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for agricultural compounds in New Zealand.

MPI proposes the following amendments to the Notice:

- a) The amendment of existing entries in Schedule 1, Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Compounds, for the following compounds and commodities:
  - Acephate, to change the residue definition and MRLs to account for consequential residues from the acephate metabolite methamidophos;
  - Decoquinate, to set MRLs at 1 mg/kg in cattle fat, kidney and liver, and 0.5 mg/kg in cattle meat; 1 mg/kg in goat fat, kidney and liver, and 0.5 mg/kg in goat meat; 1 mg/kg in sheep fat, kidney and liver, and 0.5 mg/kg in sheep meat; and 0.8 mg/kg in poultry liver and skin/fat;
  - Fenamiphos, to remove commodity-specific MRLs and set an MRL of 0.01(\*) mg/kg for any food, to reflect that fenamiphos can no longer be used in agricultural compounds in New Zealand;
  - Glyphosate, to set MRLs at 10 mg/kg in wheat, barley and oat; and 6 mg/kg in field pea (dry);
  - Haloxyfop, to set MRLs at 0.02 mg/kg in mammalian meat and fat, 0.5 mg/kg in mammalian offal, and 0.002(\*) mg/kg in milk;
  - Maduramicin, to set MRLs at 0.1 mg/kg in poultry kidney, skin/fat, and meat;
  - Methamidophos, to remove commodity-specific MRLs, and to refer to the acephate entry to reflect that while methamidophos can no longer be used in agricultural compounds in New Zealand, it may be detected as a result of acephate use;
  - Monensin, to adjust the residue definition to 'monensin' and to set MRLs at 0.002(\*) mg/kg in milk; 0.05 mg/kg in cattle fat and liver, and 0.01(\*) mg/kg in cattle kidney and meat; 0.05 mg/kg in goat fat and liver, and 0.01(\*) mg/kg in goat kidney and meat; 0.05 mg/kg in sheep fat and liver, and 0.01(\*) mg/kg in

sheep kidney and meat; and 0.1 mg/kg in poultry kidney, liver, and skin/fat, and 0.05 mg/kg in poultry meat;

- Narasin, to set MRLs at 0.015 mg/kg in poultry kidney and meat, and 0.05 mg/kg in poultry liver and skin/fat;
- Oxathiapiprolin, to set an MRL at 0.01(\*) mg/kg in potatoes;
- Salinomycin, to set MRLs at 0.1 mg/kg in pig fat, kidney, liver, and meat, and 0.1 mg/kg in poultry kidney, skin/fat, and meat; and
- Semduramicin, to set MRLs at 0.1 mg/kg in poultry kidney, skin/fat, and meat.
- b) The addition of two new entries in Schedule 1, for the following compounds and commodities:
  - Acetochlor, to set MRLs at 0.02(\*) mg/kg in eggs, mammalian fat, mammalian meat, mammalian offal, milk, poultry fat, poultry meat, and poultry offal; and 0.04 (\*) mg/kg in maize and sweetcorn; and
  - Flupyradifurone, to set MRLs at 0.1 mg/kg for mammalian meat and fat, 0.4 mg/kg in mammalian offal and 0.05 mg/kg in milk.

Note: (\*) indicates that the maximum residue level has been set at or about the limit of analytical quantification.

- 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 (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
    - CAC/GL 84-2012: Principles and Guidance on the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides to Commodity Groups
    - CAC/MRL1: Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides
    - CAC/MRL2: Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and Risk Management Recommendations (RMRs) for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
  - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
  - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
  - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] 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:
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined.

**Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** To be determined.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Promulgation will occur once the document is finalized post-consultation.
  - [] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 May 2025

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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