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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## Original: English

### NOTIFICATION

- **1.** Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>
  - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and The Health and Safety Executive
- 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): Cultivated fungi (except oyster mushrooms) (0280010) and Oyster mushrooms (0280010-008)

\* For reference, the full list of GB commodity codes is set out in Part 1 of the GB pesticides Maximum Residue Level Statutory Register – see <u>link</u>).

#### 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: New GB tMRLs (temporary MRLs) for mepiquat amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 21

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/GBR/25\_03943\_00\_e.pdf

6. **Description of content:** Mepiquat is an approved active substance in Great Britain. The Health and Safety Executive received an application to reassess the temporary Maximum Residue Levels (tMRLs) for mepiquat residues in cultivated fungi, including oyster mushrooms. For oyster mushrooms the monitoring data supports raising the tMRL from 0.7 mg/kg to 3 mg/kg.

The evaluation concludes that the existing tMRL of 0.09 mg/kg remains appropriate for all other cultivated fungi except oyster mushrooms.

The Evaluation Report/ Reasoned Opinion supporting the new tMRLs is available at the following link along with a complete list of the new tMRLs:

The evaluation of supplementary information to support the tMRL for mepiquat in or on cultivated fungi.

The residue levels arising in food from the notified uses result in consumer exposures below the toxicological reference values and therefore harmful effects on human health are not expected. As the residue levels exceed the current tMRL in force, a new tMRL is being adopted. This revised tMRL must be reviewed in seven years, with updated monitoring data submitted to confirm it's continued validity.

#### 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:
  - [] 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 number):
  - [X] 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:
- Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 28 April 2025
  Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): 28 April 2025
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 28 April 2025

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Not applicable

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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