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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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):** Cereals (HS Codes: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origin (HS Codes: 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables
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:** Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, chlormequat, metribuzin, metribuzin-desamino-diketo (metribuzin-DADK), terbuthylazine and triclopyr in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 6 and 22 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_08462_05_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_08462_04_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_08462_03_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_08462_02_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_08462_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_08462_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** The proposed draft Regulation concerns the review of existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, chlormequat, metribuzin, metribuzin-desamino-diketo (metribuzin-DADK), terbuthylazine and triclopyr in certain food commodities following the monitoring data collected for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene as requested by Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1346 and for chlormequat as requested by Regulation (EU) 2022/1290 and Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/693; the non-availability of confirmatory data of terbuthylazine and triclopyr required by Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/1795 and by Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/686, respectively; and the non-approval of metribuzin in the European Union. MRLs for these substances in certain commodities are lowered or raised. Lower MRLs are set after deleting old uses which are not authorized any more in the European Union. The draft Regulation also proposes some product-specific limit of quantification (LOQ) adaptions in line with technical progress.
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)*:** Codex Maximum Residue Limits for pesticides 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene in some commodities. CODEX MRLs LIST is available at https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=331.
Codex Maximum Residue Limits for pesticides chlormequat in some commodities. CODEX MRLs LIST is available at https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=15.

[ ] **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?

[ ] Yes [X] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The European Food Safety Authority published reasoned opinions on the existing MRLs for terbuthylazine, triclopyr, chlormequat and metribuzin. Based on these opinions, Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 should be amended following a risk analysis approach.

9. **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1346 of 1 August 2022 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, 8-hydroxyquinoline, pinoxaden and valifenalate in or on certain products (OJ L 202, 2.8.2022, p. 31, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/1346/oj).

Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/1795 of 11 October 2021 correcting Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for terbuthylazine in or on certain products (OJ L 361, 12.10.2021, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1795/oj.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/686 of 4 May 2018 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chlorpyrifos, chlorpyrifos-methyl and triclopyr in or on certain products (OJ L, 2024/2806, 4.11.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2024/2806/oj.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1290 of 22 July 2022 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for ametoctradin, chlormequat, dodine, nicotine, profenofos and Spodoptera exigua multicapsid nucleopolyhedrovirus (SeMNPV) isolate BV-0004 in or on certain products (OJ L 196, 25.7.2022, p. 74, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/1290/oj.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/693 of 7 April 2017 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for bitertanol, chlormequat and tebufenpyrad in or on certain products (OJ L 101, 13.4.2017, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/693/oj.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2806 of 31 October 2024 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance metribuzin, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 540/2011 and Commission

	Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/408 (OJ L, 2024/2806, 4.11.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2024/2806/oj. Reasoned opinions published by the European Food Safety Authority on the setting of MRLs for terbuthylazine, triclopyr, chlormequat and metribuzin (available in English): Review of the existing maximum residue levels for terbuthylazine according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2020; 18(1): e05980, https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2020.5980. Evaluation of confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review for terbuthylazine, EFSA Journal 2025; 23 (2): e9231, https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9231. Review of the existing maximum residue levels for triclopyr according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2017; 15(3): e04735, https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4735. Statement on the confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review for triclopyr. EFSA Journal 2024; 22 (12): e9176, https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2024.9176. Reasoned Opinion on the modification of the existing maximum residue levels for triclopyr in oranges, lemons and mandarins. EFSA Journal 2022; 20(8): 7545, https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7545. Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for triclopyr in animal commodities. EFSA Journal 2023; 21(5): e08007, https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8007. Modification of the existing maximum residue level for chlormequat in oat. EFSA Journal 2025; 23(4): e9385, https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9385. Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance metribuzin. EFSA Journal 2023; 21(8): e08140, https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8140: MRLs for metribuzin.
10.	**Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 June 2026 **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 July 2026
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union and apply six months thereafter. **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** **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:** European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu
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:** European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu