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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: UNITED KINGDOM 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): All commodities - 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 link).
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Inclusion of elemental iron in Part 4 of the GB MRL Statutory Register. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 19 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/GBR/25_08727_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Elemental iron is an approved active substance in Great Britain (GB). An application was received by the Health and Safety Executive to include elemental iron in Part 4 of the GB Maximum Residue Limit Statutory Register (i.e. MRL exempt). Following assessment, elemental iron has been included in Part 4 of the GB MRL Statutory Register to accommodate a new authorisation of a plant protection product (PPP) in GB. The Evaluation Report/Reasoned Opinion supporting the decision is available at the following link: The evaluation of elemental iron to be exempt from MRLs in or on all edible crops The levels of iron added to the soil from the notified use should not exceed natural background levels and are unlikely to have harmful effects on human health.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: There are no CXLs for elemental iron.</p>	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 14 November 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 14 November 2025</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 November 2025</p> <p><input checked="" 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 and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building 2 Marsham St London SW1P 4DF E-mail: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building 2 Marsham St London SW1P 4DF E-mail: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</p>