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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: US Environmental Protection Agency
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): Apple; apple, wet pomace; berry, low growing, subgroup 13-07G (except cranberry); and cherry subgroup 12-12A
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: Pyriofenone; Pesticide Tolerances. Final Rule. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-14/html/2026-00628.htm
6. Description of content: This regulation establishes tolerances for residues of pyriofenone in or on apple; apple, wet pomace; berry, low growing, subgroup 13-07G (except cranberry); and cherry subgroup 12-12A.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Pesticide reference number: 310 <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 type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: In making its tolerance decisions, EPA seeks to harmonize US tolerances with international standards whenever possible, consistent with US food safety standards and agricultural practices. EPA considers the international maximum residue limits (MRLs) established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), as required by FFDCA section 408(b)(4). The Codex Alimentarius is a joint United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization food standards program, and

it is recognized as an international food safety standards-setting organization in trade agreements to which the United States is a party. EPA may establish a tolerance that is different from a Codex MRL; however, FFDCA section 408(b)(4) requires that EPA explain the reasons for departing from the Codex level.

The Codex has not established a MRL for pyriofenone on apple or cherry, subgroup 12-12A. However, the Codex has established MRLs for pyriofenone in or on berry, low growing, subgroup 13-07G at 1.5 ppm for bush berries and 0.5 ppm for low growing berries. These MRLs are different than the tolerances proposed for pyriofenone in the United States by the petition. The petitioner requested the change in tolerance to align with the Japanese MRL. This requested change was prompted by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to assist Japanese growers in their efforts to export strawberries into the United States.

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0239 (available in English)
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 14 January 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 14 January 2026
11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 January 2026 [] 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: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Comments should be submitted to EPA's WTO SPS team at EPAWTOSPS@epa.gov .
13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-14/html/2026-00628.htm