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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): Food and feed commodities of dragon fruit (pitaya) as well as crop group expansions to field corn subgroup 15-22C and sweet corn subgroup 15-22D, and crop group conversions to leafy greens subgroup 4-16A, including tolerances for arugula, garden cress, and upland cress
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: Permethrin; Pesticide Tolerances. Final Rule. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-14/html/2026-00545.htm
6. Description of content: This regulation establishes a tolerance for residues of permethrin in or on the food and feed commodities of dragon fruit (pitaya) as well as crop group expansions to field corn subgroup 15-22C and sweet corn subgroup 15-22D, and crop group conversions to leafy greens subgroup 4-16A, including tolerances for arugula, garden cress, and upland cress.
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: 120 <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 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 Canadian and Codex MRLs are expressed in terms of total permethrin. The US residue definition is harmonized with Canada and Codex. Mexico adopts US tolerances. When the US tolerance is higher, harmonization is not feasible because the tolerances are based on field trial data that resulted in residues that necessitated the higher limit. For some cases, such as corn grain, EPA establishes a different US tolerance (0.05 ppm) than the Codex tolerance (2 ppm) due to differences in use patterns.

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0201> (available in English)

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 14 January 2026
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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
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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:
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