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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
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): Foods in general
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: Proposal M1023 – 2024 MRL Harmonisation Proposal: Call for submissions report, and supporting documentation. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 46+66 https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/food-standards-code/proposals/m1023-2024-mrl-harmonisation-proposal
6. Description of content: This Proposal seeks to amend Schedule 20 of the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> to align maximum residue limits (MRLs) relating to residues of agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals in food with: (a) the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority MRL Standard; (b) Codex Alimentarius Commission; and (c) other trading partner standards, following a rigorous assessment that the MRL is scientifically justified, risk-based, transparent as well as non-discriminatory. This Proposal also includes corrections of typographical and formatting errors, necessary to improve the integrity of Schedule 20. For further information, please contact the MRL Team at FSANZ (MRL.contact@foodstandards.gov.au). Agvet chemicals where increased or new MRLs are being considered for specified plant commodities: Benzovindiflupyr, Bifenthrin, Boscalid, Broflanilide, Captan, Carbendazim, Carbofuran, Carfentrazone-ethyl, Chlorantraniliprole, Clofentezine, Clothianidin, Cyantraniliprole, Cyflufenamid, Cyflumetofen, Cyhexatin, Cypermethrin, Cyprodinil, Deltamethrin, Diafenthiuron, Difenoconazole, Diflubenzuron, Dimethenamid-P, Dimpropyridaz, Dinocap, Diuron, Emamectin, Etofenprox, Fenamidone, Fenbuconazole, Fenbutatin oxide, Florylpicoxamid, Flubendiamide, Fluopyram, Flutianil, Fluxapyroxad, Folpet, Fomesafen, Hexythiazox, Imazapyr, Indaziflam, Iprodione, Isocycloseram, Isoflucypram, Isotianil, Mefentrifluconazole, Mepiquat, Metalaxyl, Methiocarb, Metolachlor, Metsulfuron-methyl, Milbemectin, Napropamide, Novaluron, Oxathiapiprolin, Pendimethalin, Phorate, Phosmet, Pirimicarb, Prochloraz, Propiconazole, Pymetrozine, Pyridaben, Pyrimethanil, Pyriproxyfen, Pyroxasulfone, Quizalofop-P-tefuryl, Spiromesifen, Spiropidion, Sulfoxaflo, Tebuconazole, Tetraniliprole, Thiabendazole, Thiophanate-methyl, Tiafenacil, Trichlorfon, Tricyclazole and Triflumuron. Agvet chemicals where increased or new MRLs are being considered for specified animal

commodities: 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, Cyantraniliprole, Florylpicoxamid, Fluopyram, Fluxapyroxad, Isocycloseram, Isotianil, Mepiquat, Methiocarb, Nicarbazin, Propiconazole, Pyrimethanil, Tetracycline and Tricyclazole.

Agvet chemicals where deletions or reductions in MRLs are being proposed for specified plant commodities: Afidopyropen, Carbofuran, Chlorantraniliprole, Cyantraniliprole, Cyflumetofen, Cypermethrin, Difenconazole, Diquat, Florylpicoxamid, Fluopyram, Fluxapyroxad, Glyphosate, Haloxypop, Imidacloprid, Indoxacarb, Ioxynil, Iprodione, Linuron, Lufenuron, Metalaxyl, Methiocarb, Naphthalene acetic acid, Napropamide, Novaluron, Oxathiapiprolin, Penthiopyrad, Pyraclostrobin, Pyridaben, Pyrimethanil, Sulfoxaflor, Tebuconazole, Tetracycline and Thiabendazole.

Agvet chemicals where deletions or reductions in MRLs are being proposed for specified animal commodities: Lufenuron and Tetracycline.

New chemicals proposed for inclusion in schedule 20 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code are: Isoflucypram and Tricyclazole.

Agvet chemicals where consequential amendments were required to (a) add or remove exceptions for some commodities; (b) correct typographical errors; (c) convert a temporary MRL to a permanent MRL; (d) amend or update the commodity name; but there are no changes made to MRLs: Acequinocyl, Afidopyropen, Azoxystrobin, Benzovindiflupyr, Bifenazate, Bifenthrin, Boscalid, Broflanilide, Bromacil, Captan, Carbaryl, Carfentrazone-ethyl, Chlorantraniliprole, Clothianidin, Cyflumetofen, Cyfluthrin, Cyhalothrin, Cypermethrin, Cyprodinil, Dicamba, Difenconazole, Dodine, Fenbutatin oxide, Fenoxycarb, Flonicamid, Fluazifop-p-butyl, Flubendiamide, Fludioxonil, Fluopyram, Fluquinconazole, Flutriafol, Glyphosate, Hexythiazox, Imazalil, Imazapyr, Indoxacarb, Iprodione, Isocycloseram, Isofetamid, Lufenuron, Mefentrifluconazole, Metalaxyl, Metamitron, Metolachlor, Myclobutanil, Napropamide, Paclobutrazol, Pendimethalin, Phorate, Phosmet, Pydiflumetofen, Pyraclostrobin, Pyridaben, Pyrimethanil, Pyriproxyfen, Pyroxasulfone, Quizalofop-P-tefuryl, Spinetoram, Spiropidion, Sulfoxaflor, Tebufenozide, Tebufenpyrad, Tetraniliprole, Tiafenacil, Trichlorfon, Triforine.

Agvet chemical where the residue definition is being updated: Azocyclotin, Cyhexatin and Dicamba

Agvet chemicals where a new or amended All other foods except animal food commodities MRL is being proposed: Cyflufenamid, Fenbutatin oxide, Fomesafen, Indoxacarb, Lufenuron, Mepiquat, Metsulfuron-methyl, Pyridaben, spiromesifen, Triflumuron and Triforine.

7. Objective and rationale: ☒ 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):

- CAC/MRL 1 Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides 2009
- CAC/MRL 2 Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs in Food 2011
- CAC/MRL 3 Extraneous Maximum Residue Limits (EMRLs) 2001
- and subsequent variations to relevant standards as adopted or revoked by the Commission

☐ 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 ☒ No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The scientific methodology used by Australia to establish MRLs is

	<p>consistent with international best practice. Countries set MRLs according to the good agricultural practice (GAP) or good veterinary practice (GVP) applicable to their region. Agricultural and veterinary chemical use patterns differ between different production regions and countries as pests, diseases and environmental factors vary. This means that Australian MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food may differ from Codex standards.</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2015L00468) (available in English)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Late July 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Late July 2026</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Date of gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument, pending Government consideration (see 10. above). [X] Trade facilitating measure The proposal includes amendments to the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> to align maximum residue limits to Codex and other trading partners' standards.</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 24 March 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Food Standards Australia New Zealand PO Box 5423 KINGSTON ACT 2604 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6228 8226 E-mail: standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>