



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> US Environmental Protection Agency
<b>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):</b> The food and feed commodities of raw agricultural commodity of strawberry
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Afidopyropen; Pesticide Tolerances. Final Rule. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-13/html/2026-02933.htm">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-13/html/2026-02933.htm</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_00925_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_00925_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_00925_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_00925_01_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_00925_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_00925_02_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This regulation amends the current tolerance for residues of the insecticide afidopyropen in or on the food and feed commodities of raw agricultural commodity of strawberry by increasing it from 0.15 parts per million (ppm) to 0.3 ppm and removes the established time-limited tolerance in or on strawberry at 0.3 ppm.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): 312 <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 <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> In making its tolerance decisions, EPA seeks to harmonize US tolerances with international standards whenever possible, consistent with US food safety

<p>standards and agricultural practices. EPA considers the international maximum residue limits (MRLs) established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), as required by FFDC 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, FFDC section 408(b)(4) requires that EPA explain the reasons for departing from the Codex level. The recommended tolerance for afidopyropen residues in/on strawberry were obtained using the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) maximum residue limit (MRL) calculation procedures. The recommended strawberry tolerance would change the harmonization status with Codex since Codex currently has an MRL for strawberry at the US existing tolerance level of 0.15 ppm.</p> <p>There are no Canadian MRLs established for residues of afidopyropen in/on strawberry.</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509/document">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509/document</a>  <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509-0002">https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509-0002</a>  <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509-0001">https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509-0001</a>  <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509-0003">https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0509-0003</a>          (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 February 2026  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 February 2026</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 February 2026  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable  <b>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:</b>          Comments should be submitted to EPA's WTO SPS team at <a href="mailto:EPAWTOSPS@epa.gov">EPAWTOSPS@epa.gov</a>.</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-13/html/2026-02933.htm">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-13/html/2026-02933.htm</a></p>