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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Health and Safety Executive
<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> Grapefruits (0110010), oranges (0110020), lemons (0110030), limes (0110040), mandarins (0110050), others – citrus fruit (0110990), apples (0130010), pears (0130020), strawberries (0152000), blackberries (0153010), dewberries (0153020), raspberries (red and yellow) (0153030), others – cane fruit (0153990), teas (0610000), chicken – eggs (1030010), duck – eggs (1030020), geese – eggs (1030030), quail – eggs (1030040), others – bird's eggs (1030990)  * 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 <a href="#">link</a> .
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed GB MRLs for hexythiazox amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 19 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/GBR/26_01700_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/GBR/26_01700_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Hexythiazox is an approved active substance in Great Britain (GB). An application was received by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to set new Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for raspberries and blackberries. In light of chronic dietary intake concerns identified during the initial assessment, HSE also reviewed existing MRLs for additional commodities. Following assessment, new MRLs are being proposed for adoption to the commodities listed in Section 3.  The draft Reasoned Opinion supporting the new MRLs is available at the following link: <a href="#">The evaluation of new MRLs and the review of MRLs for hexythiazox in or on various commodities</a> .  The assessment/ reasoned opinion has concluded that the current MRLs for citrus fruit, apples, and pears do not satisfy the UK's appropriate level of protection therefore new lowered MRLs are being adopted for these commodities.  Following assessment new raised MRLs are being adopted for raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, dewberries, others-cane fruits, teas and eggs.  All new MRLs result in consumer exposures below the toxicological reference values.

7.	<b>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.
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Codex standard derived from JMPR active substance number 176</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 25 July 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 25 July 2026</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 25 January 2027</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 May 2026</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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: <a href="mailto:UKSPS@defra.gov.uk">UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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: <a href="mailto:UKSPS@defra.gov.uk">UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</a></p>