



NOTIFICATION

1.	<p>Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u></p> <p>If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
2.	<p>Agency responsible: US Environmental Protection Agency</p>
3.	<p>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): Multiple commodities</p>
4.	<p>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:</p>
5.	<p>Title of the notified document: Propylene Oxide; Pesticide Tolerances . Final rule.</p> <p>Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-05-29/html/2026-10711.htm</p>
6.	<p>Description of content: This regulation establishes tolerances for residues of propylene oxide (PPO) in or on sesame, seed; turmeric, roots, dried; ginger, dried; pepper, bell, dried; and pepper, nonbell, dried. ABERCO, Inc., a Balchem Company, submitted a petition to EPA requesting that EPA establish a maximum permissible level for residues of this pesticide in or on the identified commodities.</p> <p>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 (MRL) established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), as required by FFDCA section 408(b)(4). Codex 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. Codex has not established a MRL for PPO in or on ginger, bell or nonbell pepper, sesame seed, or turmeric, roots.</p> <p>Revisions to Petitioned-For Tolerances</p> <p>During the registration review of PPO conducted under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA determined that PCH tolerances are not needed since PPO residues alone are adequate for detection of PPO misuse for enforcement activities, and there are no established Codex MRLs for PCH. For regulatory clarity, and to ensure residues of PPO reaction products (including PCH and propylene bromohydrin) remain covered under the PPO tolerances, the Agency proposed and finalized a rule under the FFDCA removing all PCH tolerances from 40 CFR 180.491 and revising the tolerance expression for PPO to specify the inclusion of these reaction products. See 90 FR 42896, 9 June 2025 (FRL-12765-01-OCSPP), and 91 FR 21386, 22 April 2026 (FRL-12765-02-OCSPP). As a result, the petitioner withdrew its request that EPA establish the petitioned-for PCH tolerances, and EPA is not establishing these tolerances.</p>

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.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-09-05/html/2025-17008.htm (available in English)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 29 May 2026</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 29 May 2026</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 May 2026</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): This regulation is effective 29 May 2026. Objections and requests for hearings must be received 28 July 2026, and must be filed in accordance with the instructions provided in 40 CFR part 178 (see also Unit I.C. of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION).</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Comments should be submitted to EPA's WTO SPS team at EPAWTOSPS@epa.gov.</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-05-29/html/2026-10711.htm</p>