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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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): Meat and edible meat offal (HS code(s): 02); Cereals (HS code(s): 10)
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: Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for azocyclotin, chlorfenapyr, cyhexatin, dicofol, endosulfan, fenarimol, fenpropathrin and profenofos in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5+28 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03301_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03301_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03301_02_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03301_03_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03301_04_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_03301_05_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed draft Regulation intends to lower all maximum residue levels (MRLs) for eight active substances which are no longer approved in the European Union: azocyclotin, chlorfenapyr, cyhexatin, dicofol, endosulfan, fenarimol, fenpropathrin and profenofos. Some MRLs are currently higher than the Limit of Quantification (LOQ). Codex maximum residue limits (CXLs) and import tolerance exist for some of them. For all active substances, EFSA has concluded that the TRVs cannot be confirmed since the data available were insufficient to meet the most recent data requirements. A stakeholder consultation was launched by EFSA allowing stakeholders to submit supporting information to confirm the TRVs. No relevant information was submitted. Therefore, as no TRVs could be set and consumer risk assessments could not be carried out, this draft Regulation proposes to lower to the LOQ all the MRLs for the eight non-approved active substances.
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:

Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex Maximum Residue Limits for pesticides azocyclotin, chlorfenapyr, cyhexatin, dicofol, endosulfan, fenpropathrin, and profenofos, in some commodities. CODEX MRLs LIST is available at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticides/en/>

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 active substances azocyclotin, chlorfenapyr, cyhexatin, dicofol, endosulfan, fenarimol, fenpropathrin and profenofos were never approved in the Union, or their approval was withdrawn before 2008, thus, they did not fall within the scope of the systematic review of all existing MRLs under Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. Based on the above, Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 should be amended accordingly.

The European Food Safety Authority published reasoned opinions on the existing MRLs for azocyclotin, chlorfenapyr, cyhexatin, dicofol, endosulfan, fenarimol, fenpropathrin and profenofos. Based on these opinions, Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 should be amended following a risk analysis approach.

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

- Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC
- <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396>
- EFSA, Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for azocyclotin and cyhexatin. EFSA Journal 2023; 21(6):8038. Available online: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/8038>
- EFSA, Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for chlorfenapyr. EFSA Journal 2023; 21(12):8444. Available online: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/8444>
- EFSA, Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for dicofol. EFSA Journal 2023; 21:8425. Available online: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/8425>
- EFSA, Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for endosulfan 2023. EFSA Journal 2023; 21(7):8114. Available online: <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8114>
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- EFSA, Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for fenpropathrin. EFSA Journal 2023; 21(6):8057. Available online: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/8057>
- EFSA, Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for profenofos 2023. EFSA Journal 2023; 21:8445. Available online: <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8445>
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10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 February 2027

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 March 2027

11. Proposed date of entry into force: Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union, and apply six months thereafter.

Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 25 August 2026

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