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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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): U.S. nut, tree, group 14-12, and almond, hulls.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Isofetamid; Pesticide Tolerances. Final Rule. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-08-04/html/2026-15761.htm
6.	Description of content: This regulation establishes tolerances for residues of isofetamid in or on nut, tree, group 14-12, and almond, hulls. Under the U.S. Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) ISK Biosciences Corporation submitted a petition to EPA requesting that EPA establish a maximum permissible level for residues of this pesticide in or on the identified commodities.
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): Codex has established MRLs for isofetamid in or on almonds at 0.01 ppm and almond hulls at 0.8 ppm. ☐ 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: In making its tolerance decisions, EPA seeks to harmonize U.S. tolerances with international standards whenever possible, consistent with U.S. food safety standards and agricultural practices. EPA considers the international maximum residue limits (MRLs) established

by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), as required by FFDCA 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, FFDCA section 408(b)(4) requires that EPA explain the reasons for departing from the Codex level. The Codex has established MRLs for isofetamid in or on almonds at 0.01 ppm and almond hulls at 0.8 ppm. Neither Mexico nor Canada has MRLs established on tree nuts. These MRLs are different than the tolerances established for isofetamid in the United States because of differences in the proposed U.S. use sites. No changes to the use pattern of almond were assessed.
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: (available in English)
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 4 August 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 4 August 2026
11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 4 August 2026 [] Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 October 2026 This regulation is effective 4 August 2026. Objections and requests for hearings must be received on or before 5 October 2026, and must be filed in accordance with the instructions provided in U.S. 40 CFR part 178. 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: Comments should be submitted to EPA's WTO SPS team at EPAWTOSPS@epa.gov.
13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-08-04/html/2026-15761.htm