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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): Black pepper
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: Permethrin; Pesticide Tolerances. Final Rule. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-08-03/html/2026-15634.htm
6.	Description of content: This regulation establishes a tolerance for residues of permethrin (CASRN 52645-53-1) in or on the food and feed commodity of black pepper at 0.1 parts per million (ppm). Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), the American Spice Trade Association, Inc., submitted a petition to EPA requesting that EPA establish a maximum permissible level for residues of this pesticide in or on the identified commodity.
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): ☐ 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 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 (0.05 ppm on pepper-spices), Canada (0.1 ppm on pepper-spices) and the European Union (0.1 ppm on peppercorn) have established MRLs for residues of permethrin in/on pepper, black. The EPA's proposed tolerance would harmonize the U.S. tolerance with the European Union tolerance at 0.1 ppm, which will promote global harmonization and facilitate trade. Based on the available residue data, harmonization with the Codex MRL was not possible.
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 3 August 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 3 August 2026
11. Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 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): 2 October 2026 This regulation is effective 3 August 2026. Objections and requests for hearings must be received on or before 2 October 2026 and must be filed in accordance with the instructions provided in the 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-2026-08-03/html/2026-15634.htm