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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
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): Asparagus (0270010) * 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 link).
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners [] Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: A new GB MRL for potassium phosphonates amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 20
6. Description of content: Potassium phosphonates is an approved active substance in Great Britain (GB). The active substance degrades in food/feed to give rise to residues of phosphonic acid, as does the approved active substance fosetyl-Al. The MRLs established for the active substance fosetyl-Al also cover potassium phosphonates. The Health and Safety Executive received an application to set a new Maximum Residue Level (MRL) for asparagus. Following assessment, a new MRL for fosetyl-Al has been introduced to accommodate a new authorisation of a plant protection product in GB that contains potassium phosphonates. This raises the MRL for fosetyl-Al in asparagus from 2 mg/kg to 30 mg/kg. The Evaluation Report/ Reasoned Opinion supporting the new MRL is available at the following link: The evaluation of a new MRL for potassium phosphonates in or on asparagus. The residue levels arising in food from the notified use results in consumer exposures below the toxicological reference values. As the residue levels exceed the current MRL in force, a new MRL has been adopted. There are no CXLs for potassium phosphonates on asparagus, nor for fosetyl aluminium (which can include residues arising from the use of potassium phosphonates) on asparagus.
7. Objective and rationale: [X] 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:
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 10 July 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 10 July 2026
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 July 2026 ☒ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable 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: 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: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk
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