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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** NEW ZEALAND **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Ministry for Primary Industries
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):** Vegetables, fruit, animal products, and other food products
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:** Proposals to Amend the New Zealand Food Notice: Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Compounds. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 29 https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/72873-Proposals-to-Amend-the-New-Zealand-Food-Notice-Maximum-Residue-Levels-for-Agricultural-Compounds
6.	**Description of content:** The document contains technical details on proposals to amend the current Notice issued under the Food Act 2014 that lists the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for agricultural compounds in New Zealand. MPI proposes the following amendments to the Notice: 1. The amendment of existing entries in Schedule 1, for the following compounds and commodities: • Acetochlor, to set a MRL at 0.04 mg/kg in green peas (without pods); • Clomazone, to set MRLs at 0.01(*) mg/kg in green peas (without pods), mammalian fat, mammalian meat, mammalian offal, milk, poultry fat, poultry meat, poultry offal, and eggs; • Cyantraniliprole, to set a MRL at 0.01(*) mg/kg in maize; • Flufenacet, to set MRLs at 0.05(*) mg/kg in maize, mammalian fat, mammalian meat, mammalian offal, poultry fat, poultry meat, poultry offal, and eggs, and 0.01(*) mg/kg in milk; • Fluxapyroxad, to set an MRL at 0.03 mg/kg in kiwifruit; • Isofetamid, to reduce the MRL for grapes from 0.08 mg/kg to 0.04 mg/kg; and • Mesotrione, to set MRLs at 0.01(*) mg/kg in mammalian fat, mammalian meat, mammalian offal, poultry fat, poultry meat, poultry offal, eggs, and milk. 2. The addition of three new entries in Schedule 1, for the following compounds and commodities: • Chlorine dioxide, to set MRLs at 0.1 mg/kg in cattle fat, 0.05 mg/kg for cattle meat, cattle liver, and cattle kidney, and 0.01(*) mg/kg in milk; • Sedaxane, to set a MRL at 0.1 mg/kg in potatoes; and

- Spidoxamat, to set a MRL at 0.15 mg/kg in apples and kiwifruit, and 0.2 mg/kg in grapes.

3. The removal of one entry from Schedule 1, for the following compounds and commodities:

- Removal of the entry for propamocarb, as this compound is no longer authorised for use in New Zealand.

4. The addition of a new Schedule of compounds, Schedule 4, setting maximum residue levels for the following compounds and commodities:

- Azoxystrobin, to set a MRL at 5 mg/kg in blackcurrants.
- Fenhexamid, to set MRLs at 1 mg/kg in cucumbers, and 2 mg/kg in eggplants, peppers (sweet), and tomatoes.
- Flonicamid, to set MRLs at 0.2 mg/kg in cucumbers, and 0.4 mg/kg in eggplants, peppers (sweet), and tomatoes.
- Fluopyram, to set a MRL at 5 mg/kg in caneberries.
- Flupyradifurone, to set MRLs at 0.4 mg/kg in cucumbers, 0.9 mg/kg in peppers (sweet), and 1 mg/kg in tomatoes.
- Fluxapyroxad, to set a MRL at 7 mg/kg in strawberries.
- Lufenuron, to set MRLs at 0.8 mg/kg in peppers (sweet) and 0.4 mg/kg in tomatoes.
- Methoxyfenozide, to set MRLs at 0.3 mg/kg in cucumbers, and 2 mg/kg in peppers (sweet) and tomatoes.
- Penthiopyrad, to set a MRL at 3 mg/kg in strawberries.
- Sulfoxaflor, to a MRL at 0.5 mg/kg in strawberries.
- Spidoxamat, to set MRLs at 1 mg/kg in peppers (sweet) and 3 mg/kg in stone fruits.

Note: (*) indicates that the maximum residue level has been set at or about the limit of analytical quantification.

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:

[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:

- CAC/GL 84-2012: Principles and Guidance on the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides to Commodity Groups
- CAC/MRL1: Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides
- CAC/MRL2: Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and Risk Management Recommendations (RMRs) for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods

[ ] 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?

[X] 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)*:** To be confirmed. **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be confirmed.
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be confirmed – promulgation will occur once the document is finalized post-consultation. **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 December 2026 **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz Website: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/access-and-trade-into-new-zealand/world-trade-organization-notifications/
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