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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** AUSTRALIA **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
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):** Foods in general
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:** Proposal to amend Schedule 20 of the revised *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (20 October 2026). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 3 https://www.apvma.gov.au/news-and-publications/publications/gazette/gazette-21-20-oct-26
6.	**Description of content:** This Proposal seeks to amend the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* to align the following maximum residue limits (MRLs) for various agricultural and veterinary chemicals so that they are consistent with other national regulations relating to the safe and effective use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals: Cyazofamid in specified plant commodities (Ginger, root).
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] 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/MRL 1 Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides 2009 – CAC/MRL 2 Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs in Food 2009 – CAC/MRL 3 Extraneous Maximum Residue Limits (EMRLs) 2001 and subsequent variations to relevant standards as adopted or revoked by the Commission **[ ] 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 [X] No **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** Certain proposed limits may differ from Codex limits. The scientific methodology used by Australia to establish MRLs is consistent with international best practice and follows a rigorous scientific risk analysis including dietary exposure assessment to chemical residues from potentially treated foods. Countries set MRLs according to the good agricultural practice (GAP) or good veterinary practice (GVP) applicable to their region. Agricultural and veterinary chemical use patterns differ between different production regions and countries as pests, diseases and environmental factors vary. This means that Australian MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food may differ from Codex standards. Australia's residues assessment processes for agricultural chemicals are available at: https://apvma.gov.au/node/1037. Australia's residues assessment processes for veterinary chemicals are available at: https://apvma.gov.au/node/719.
9.	**Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*: https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2015L00468 (available in English)
10.	**Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Adoption anticipated January 2027. **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Publication anticipated January 2027.
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Entry into force anticipated January 2027. **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 24 December 2026 **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Food Standards Australia New Zealand PO Box 5423 KINGSTON ACT 2604 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6271 2278 E-mail: standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au
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