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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## Original: English

## NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u>
	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 Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Compounds Food Notice 2016. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 61
	http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/NZL/17 1640 00 e.pdf
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The document contains technical details on proposals to amend the 2016 Notice under the Food Act 2014 that lists the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for agricultural compounds in New Zealand.
	MPI proposes to amend Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of the Food Notice:
	Schedule 1 MPI proposes to add new MRLs to the Food Notice and/or amend the existing entries for certain compounds.
	<u>Schedule 2</u> MPI proposes to add the following exception from Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Chemicals (Schedule 2): – C9 – C16 alkanes, for use as an agricultural compound. MPI also proposes to amend the residue definitions for the following compounds: – Abamectin, to harmonise with overseas trading partners and Codex.
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:
	<ul> <li>[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</li> <li>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</li> </ul>

- 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. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, 11. and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be confirmed - Promulgation will occur once the document is finalised post-consultation. Trade facilitating measure Γ1 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 June 2017 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: Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, P.O. Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz 13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, P.O. Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz Website: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm