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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry for Primary Industries
<b>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):</b> Vegetables, fruit, animal products, and other food products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposals to Amend the Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Compounds Food Notice 2016. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 24 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/NZL/17_5341_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/NZL/17_5341_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The document contains technical details on proposals to amend the 2017 Notice under the Food Act 2014 that lists the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for agricultural compounds in New Zealand.  MPI proposes to amend Part 1, Schedule 1, and Schedule 2 of the Food Notice.  Part 1  MPI proposes to add a definition for 'active ingredient' to section 1.2 of Part 1: Requirements.  Schedule 1  MPI proposes new MRLs to the Food Notice and/or amend the existing entries for the following compounds: chlormequat, fluopyram, fluralaner, fluxapyroxad, halofuginone, lignocaine, oxathiapiprolin, and trifloxystrobin.  Schedule 2  MPI proposes to add the following exception from Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Chemicals (Schedule 2):  – Active ingredients that are foods or food additives, when used as an agricultural compound;  MPI also proposes to amend the following exceptions from Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Chemicals (Schedule 2):  – Microbial Active Ingredients, to better define these substances and the conditions of their exception; and – Iron-EDTA Complex and Iron phosphate, to combine these entries and extend their scope to encompass elemental iron compounds used as agricultural compounds.

7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>- CAC/MRL1: Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides</li> <li>- CAC/MRL2: Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and Risk Management Recommendations (RMRs) for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be confirmed.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be confirmed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 January 2018</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Mrs Sally Jennings, 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: <a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Mrs Sally Jennings, 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: <a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</a></p>