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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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, fruits, animal products, and other food
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Proposals to Amend the Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Compounds Food Notice 2018. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 24 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/NZL/18_4966_00_e.pdf
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The amendment of terminology in the Notice, to refer to 'exemptions' from compliance with a MRL rather than 'exceptions'.b) The addition of new MRL entries for the following compounds:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dicamba: 0.05 mg/kg in mammalian fat (except milk fat); 0.5 mg/kg in mammalian kidney; 0.1 mg/kg in mammalian liver; 0.02 mg/kg in mammalian meat; and 0.1 mg/kg in milk.c) The amendment of existing MRL entries for the following compounds and commodities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clethodim: 0.2 mg/kg in mammalian meat; 0.2 mg/kg in mammalian offal; and 0.05 mg/kg in milk.• Fludioxonil: 7 mg/kg in pineapples for import to New Zealand.• Halauxifen-methyl: 0.01 mg/kg (*) in mammalian meat; 0.01 mg/kg (*) in mammalian offal; and 0.01 mg/kg (*) in milk.• Lambda-cyhalothrin: 0.5 mg/kg in mammalian fat; 0.02 mg/kg in mammalian offal; 0.01 mg/kg in mammalian meat; and 0.05 mg/kg in mammalian milk.• Metamitron: 0.01 mg/kg (*) in pears.Note: (*) indicates that the maximum residue level has been set at or about the limit of analytical quantification.

<p>d) The addition of an exemption from compliance with a MRL for paraffin oils, when used as an agricultural compound.</p> <p>e) The amendment of existing exemptions from compliance with a MRL for the following compounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formic acid, to move it from the list of agricultural compounds in Schedule 2 (for agricultural chemicals) to Schedule 3 (for veterinary medicines) of the Food Notice, and to revise the condition of exemption to be more specific to the control of <i>Varroa</i> mite. • Oxalic acid, to move it from the list of agricultural compounds in Schedule 2 (for agricultural chemicals) to Schedule 3 (for veterinary medicines) of the Food Notice, and to revise the condition of exemption to be more specific to the control of <i>Varroa</i> mite. • Thymol, to broaden the substance definition to extracts of <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> (thyme) containing thymol, and to revise the condition of exemption to specify that use as an agricultural compound is for control of <i>Varroa</i> mite where the mode of action derives from the presence of thymol. <p>f) The amendment of the residue definition for lignocaine.</p> <p>The amendment of the residue definition for xylazine.</p>	
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <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.</p>	
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>	
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p>	

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined - promulgation will occur once the document is finalised 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 November 2018 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: 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
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