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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Environmental Protection Agency
- 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):
 - Beet, sugar, dried pulp
 - Grain, aspirated grain fractions
 - Grain, cereal, forage, fodder, and straw, group 16, except rice
 - Grain, cereal, group 15, except rice and grain sorghum
 - Peanut
 - Peanut, hay
 - Radish, tops
 - Sorghum, grain, grain
 - Soybean, hulls
 - Soybean, seed
 - Vegetable, root, subgroup 1A
 - Vegetable, tuberous and corm, subgroup 1C
 - Cattle, fat
 - Cattle, meat by-products
 - Cattle, muscle
 - Goat, fat
 - Goat, meat by-products
 - Goat, muscle
 - Horse, fat
 - Horse, meat by-products
 - Horse, muscle
 - Milk
 - Sheep, fat
 - Sheep, meat by-products
 - Sheep, muscle
- 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:** Bixafen; Pesticide Tolerances. Final Rule. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 7
- **6. Description of content:** This regulation establishes tolerances for residues of bixafen in or on multiple commodities.

| 7. | Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, |
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| | [] 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): Codex Pesticide Number 262

The Codex has established MRLs for bixafen in or on barley and oats at 0.4 ppm. Codex has also established MRLs for rye, wheat, and wheat bran at 0.05 ppm. Codex has also established MRLs for barley straw and fodder, dry at 20 ppm; oat straw and fodder, dry at 20 ppm; rye straw and fodder, dry at 20 ppm; and wheat straw and fodder, dry at 20 ppm. Additionally, the Codex has established MRLs for bixafen in or on cattle, fat at 2 ppm; cattle, meat by-products at 4 ppm; cattle, muscle at 2 ppm; goat, fat at 2 ppm; goat, meat by-products at 4 ppm; goat, muscle at 2 ppm; horse, fat at 2 ppm; sheep, fat at 2 ppm; sheep, meat by-products at 4 ppm; and sheep, muscle at 2 ppm.

- [] 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: The US tolerances are not harmonized with Codex in all instances because data provided to EPA support different limits than the Codex MRLs.

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: $\frac{\text{https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-30/html/2016-28738.htm}}{\text{English}} \quad \text{(available in English)}$
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 4 December 2018

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 4 December 2018

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 4 December 2018
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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:

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13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-12-04/html/2018-26348.htm