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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Notifying Member: EUROPEAN UNION

  If applicable, name of local government involved:

  2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General

  3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national
- 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): Cereals (HS Codes: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origin (HS Codes: 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** Draft Commission Regulation (EU) amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 7

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- **Description of content:** The proposed draft Regulation concerns the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the substances chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifosmethyl. MRLs for these substances are lowered. Lower MRLs are set after updating the limits of determination and/or deleting old uses which are not authorised any more in the European Union or for which a human health concern may not be excluded.
- 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:
  - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):

Codex Maximum Residue Limits 17 – chlorpyrifos: <a href="http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p">http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p</a> id=17

Codex Maximum Residue Limits 90 - chlorpyrifos-methyl: <a href="http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p\_id=90">http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p\_id=90</a>

- [ ] 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 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published statements on the available outcomes of the human health assessment in the context of the pesticides peer review of the active substance chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl. EFSA confirmed that for both substances serious concerns exist for human health: there is evidence for developmental neurotoxicity, which shows adverse neurological outcomes in children. Furthermore, a genotoxic potential cannot be excluded for the two substances. It is therefore not possible to set safe levels of exposure - including for residues in food. Based on these opinions, Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 should be amended following a risk analysis approach.

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: "Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC".

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396 (available in English)

**10.** Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): June 2020

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): July 2020

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): October 2020
  - [ ] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 February 2020

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