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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** European Commission, Health and Consumers Directorate-General
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:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Annexes to Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1-naphthylacetamide, 1-naphthylacetic acid, chloridazon, fluazifop-P, fuberidazole, mepiquat and tralkoxydim in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance) **Language(s):** English **Number of pages:** 7 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/EEC/15_4897_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** These notified annexes to the draft Regulation set proposed maximum residue levels for 1-naphthylacetamide, 1-naphthylacetic acid, chloridazon, fluazifop-P, fuberidazole, mepiquat and tralkoxydim in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. MRLs for these substances in certain commodities are changed: either increased or lowered. Higher MRLs are set to accommodate new uses in the European Union and in third countries which export those commodities to the European Union. Lower MRLs are set after updating the limit of determination and/or deleting old uses which are not authorized any more in the European Union or for which there is not enough data for an MRL to be set.
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:** **[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*** **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)***

[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*

[X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[ ] 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:

- "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/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:2005R0396:20120101:EN:PDF
- Reasoned opinions published by the European Food Safety Authority on the setting of MRLs for diethofencarb, mesotrione, metosulam, pirimiphos-methyl, propiconazole and spiroxamine
  http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/4213.pdf: MRLs for 1-naphthylacetamide and 1-naphthylacetic acid
  http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/4226.pdf: MRLs for chloridazon
  http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/4228.pdf: MRLs for fluazifop-P
  http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/4220.pdf: MRLs for fuberidazole
  http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/4214.pdf: MRLs for mepiquat
  http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/4227.pdf: MRLs for tralkoxydim

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11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

[ ] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: 9 February 2016

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