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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> UNITED KINGDOM <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and The Health and Safety Executive
<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> 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
<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> Proposed GB Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for dimethoate and omethoate amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 15 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/GBR/21_1847_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/GBR/21_1847_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The document outlines the proposed MRLs for dimethoate and omethoate following the non-approval decision of dimethoate adopted in Great Britain and the withdrawal of all plant protection product authorisations.  Proposed decision made under Article 14 of retained Regulation (EC) 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in food and feed of plant and animal origin ( <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2005/396/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2005/396/contents</a> ) as it applies in Great Britain, pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020. Great Britain ("GB") refers to England, Scotland and Wales.  The non-approval decision for dimethoate, which came into force while the United Kingdom was still subject to EU legislation and was therefore retained in Great Britain, is available here: EU Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1090 ( <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX:02019R1090-20190627">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX:02019R1090-20190627</a> ).  The non-approval TBT notification can be found here: TBT notification for dimethoate ( <a href="http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&amp;ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&amp;DoSearch=True&amp;ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&amp;NotifyingMember=&amp;DocumentSymbol=&amp;DistributionDateFrom=&amp;DistributionDateTo=&amp;SearchTerm=dimethoate&amp;ProductsCovered=&amp;DescriptionOfContent=&amp;CommentPeriod=&amp;FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&amp;FinalDateForCommentsTo=&amp;ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&amp;ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&amp;ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&amp;ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=">http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&amp;ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&amp;DoSearch=True&amp;ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&amp;NotifyingMember=&amp;DocumentSymbol=&amp;DistributionDateFrom=&amp;DistributionDateTo=&amp;SearchTerm=dimethoate&amp;ProductsCovered=&amp;DescriptionOfContent=&amp;CommentPeriod=&amp;FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&amp;FinalDateForCommentsTo=&amp;ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&amp;ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&amp;ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&amp;ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=</a> ).

<p>Omethoate is a non-approved active in Great Britain. The residue definition for compliance with MRLs requires dimethoate and omethoate to be determined separately.</p> <p>All MRLs are being lowered to the limit of quantification as a public health concern cannot be excluded. The basis of the assessment was delivered and implemented prior to 1 January 2021 and therefore the risk assessment delivered by the European Food Safety Authority is being referenced. The risk assessment can be seen here: Peer review of the risk assessment of the active substance dimethoate (<a href="https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2018.5454">https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2018.5454</a>).</p>
<p><b>7. 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.</p>
<p><b>8. 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> The Codex MRLs (CXLs) adopted for dimethoate and omethoate are available in the Codex Pesticide Residues in Food Online Database. The CXLs specifically for dimethoate and omethoate are available here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dimethoate CXLs <a href="http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=27">http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=27</a></li> <li>- Omethoate CXLs <a href="http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=55">http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=55</a></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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> There are currently codex MRLs established for dimethoate and these are listed in the "Codex Pesticide Residues in Food Online Database". However, the Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues<sup>1</sup> (JMPR) has recommended that all codex MRLs for dimethoate are withdrawn as a result of concerns relating to the genotoxicity of omethoate and other related metabolites. The JMPR was unable to conduct long term and acute dietary intake assessments.</p> <p>The JMPR report from 2019 can be seen here: <a href="http://www.fao.org/3/ca7455en/ca7455en.pdf">http://www.fao.org/3/ca7455en/ca7455en.pdf</a>.</p> <p>The measures proposed are in accordance with the recommendations made by the JMPR. The measure has no impact on the two CXLs established for omethoate.</p> <p><sup>1</sup> The "Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues" (JMPR) is an expert ad hoc body administered jointly by FAO and WHO in the purpose of harmonizing the requirement and the risk assessment on the pesticide residues.</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 3 June 2021</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 3 June 2021</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 December 2021</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

**12. Final date for comments:  Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 May 2021**

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