



NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> AUSTRALIA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
3.	<b>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> Foods sold in Australia (both imported and domestically produced)
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposal P1027 - Managing Low Level Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals without Maximum Residue Limits <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 27
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Proposal seeks to include all other foods MRLs or the alternate all other foods except animal commodities MRLs, for the presence in food commodities of inadvertent residues of agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals currently listed in Schedule 20 in the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> . It addresses the long-standing problem of the zero tolerance approach to the presence of low level inadvertent agvet chemical residues in food commodities (domestically produced and imported) sold in Australia.  The all other foods MRLs were proposed using a pilot methodology developed for an initial sub-set of twenty-one chemicals already listed in the Code, based on case-by-case risk assessment including dietary exposure assessment. The all other foods MRLs apply to foods other than the primary commodity, raw agricultural commodity or derived foods that have MRLs currently listed in the Code for the particular chemical.
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> Codex does not specify a default MRL for agvet chemicals without MRLs and has not established "low level" MRLs for the presence of inadvertent agvet residues in food commodities. However, the scientific methodology used to establish the "all other foods MRLs" or "all other foods except animal commodities MRLs" is consistent with international best practice for the dietary risk assessment of chemical residues in food.</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> FSANZ Board approval anticipated September 2016.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Notification to Government anticipated September 2016 with gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument to follow, in December 2016, pending Government consideration.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Date of Gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument pending Government consideration (see 10. above).</p> <p><b><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</b> The approach removes the current zero tolerance to low level agvet chemical residues in food commodities due to inadvertent exposure, and represents a reduction of trade barriers. It also facilitates trade by providing a transparent regulatory change for food importers.</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 21 June 2016</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Food Standards Australia New Zealand PO Box 7186 Canberra BC ACT 2610 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6271 2278 E-mail: standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au</p> <p>Assessment summary available (in English) from FSANZ's website at <a href="http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/P1027.aspx">http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/P1027.aspx</a>.</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Documents are available from the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: <a href="http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/changes/Pages/Documents-for-public-comment.aspx">http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/changes/Pages/Documents-for-public-comment.aspx</a>.</p> <p>Copies are also available from: The Australian SPS Notification Point GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Fax: +(61 2) 6272 3678 E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>