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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), Health Canada
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): Pesticide difenoconazole in or on various commodities (ICS Codes: 65.020, 65.100, 67.040, 67.080)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[] Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed Maximum Residue Limit: Difenoconazole (PMRL2016-15) <b>Language(s):</b> English and French <b>Number of pages:</b> 5
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The objective of the notified document PMRL2016-15 is to consult on the listed domestic maximum residue limits (MRLs) for difenoconazole that have been proposed by the Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA).
	MRL (ppm) Raw Agricultural Commodity (RAC) and/or Processed Commodity
	4.0 CSG 13-07B (Bushberries), except gooseberries <sup>1, 2</sup>
	ppm = parts per million <sup>1</sup> Gooseberries will remain covered under the MRL of 4.0 ppm which is currently being promulgated for CSG 13-07F (Small fruit vine climbing, except fuzzy kiwifruit) given that the MRL proposed with the current review for CSG 13-07B is also 4.0 ppm. <sup>2</sup> As a result of the current review, the MRL for lowbush blueberries and lingonberries, currently established at 2.5 ppm under CSG 13-07G (Low growing berries), will be replaced by the proposed MRL of 4.0 ppm for CSG 13-07B (except gooseberries).
	MRLs are proposed for each commodity included in the listed crop groupings in accordance with the <i>Residue Chemistry Crop Groups</i> webpage ( <u>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/protect-proteger/food-nourriture/rccg-gcpcr-eng.php</u> ) in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.
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) Difenoconazole, 224
	[] 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: Currently, there are no Codex MRLs listed for difenoconazole in or on any berry commodity according to the Codex Alimentarius Pesticide Residue in Food website.

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada website: <u>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/consultations/index-eng.php</u>, PMRL2016-15, posted: 19 April 2016 (available in English and French)
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** Normally within four to five months from the posting of the Proposed MRL document on the Health Canada website.

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

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): On the date the measure is adopted.

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 3 July 2016

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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

The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: <u>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/consultations/\_pmrl2016-15/index-eng.php</u> (English) <u>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/consultations/\_pmrl2016-15/index-fra.php</u> (French)