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

## **NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u>

  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 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:** Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for bifenthrin, bromopropylate, chloridazon, fenpropimorph, imazaquin and tralkoxydim in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 4 + annexes

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- **Description of content:** The proposed draft Regulation concerns the review of existing MRLs for bifenthrin, bromopropylate, chloridazon, fenpropimorph, imazaquin and tralkoxydim in certain food commodities. MRLs for these substances in certain commodities 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 for bifenthrin (178)
       <a href="https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p">https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p</a> id=178

- Codex Maximum Residue Limits for bromopropylate (70) <a href="https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?pid=70">https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?pid=70</a>
- Codex Maximum Residue Limits for fenpropimorph (188) <a href="https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?pid=188">https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?pid=188</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 current EU policy is to align EU MRLs with CXLs if three conditions are fulfilled: (i) that the European Union sets MRLs for the commodity under consideration; (ii) that the current EU MRL is lower than the CXL; and (iii) that the CXL is acceptable to the European Union with respect to aspects such as consumer protection, supporting data, and extrapolations.

Where the European Union considers that a proposed CXL is not acceptable, it makes a reservation to the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR). Reservations made by the European Union are listed in the relevant CCPR reports:

http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-meetings/en/?committee=CCPR.

- 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
  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396</a>
- Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 April 2022
   Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30 June 2022

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): 13 February 2022

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

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