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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> <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> Lettuces (UK classification code: 0251020)
<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 MRL for spinetoram in or on lettuce amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 19 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/GBR/23_0450_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/GBR/23_0450_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The document outlines the proposed MRL for spinetoram on lettuces. It is proposed that the MRL for lettuces is lowered from 10 mg/kg to the limit of quantification based on the UK's draft assessment which can be seen at the following link: <a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/spinetoram/spinetoram.htm">Review of the MRL for spinetoram in or on lettuces (hse.gov.uk)</a> The UK specific risk assessment demonstrates that the current MRL gives rise to acute exposures that exceed the ARfD (acute reference dose). Therefore, harmful effects for human health cannot be excluded and the appropriate level of protection has not been met.
<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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> The codex MRLs adopted for spinetoram are available in the Codex Pesticide Residues in Food Online Database. The CXLs specifically for spinetoram are available here: <a href="https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=233">https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=233</a> . <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b>

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <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> The Codex MRL (CXL) for lettuce is 10 mg/kg. However, the UK risk assessment demonstrates that harmful effects for human health cannot be excluded for this level and hence it does not meet the UK's appropriate level of protection.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 May 2023</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 May 2023</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 March 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>UK SPS Contact Point, Defra, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR  E-mail: <a href="mailto:UKSPS@defra.gov.uk">UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</a></p>
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