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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: |
| 5. Title of the notified document: Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for denatonium benzoate, diuron, etoxazole, methomyl and teflubenzuron in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 + 14 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_1319_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_1319_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_1319_02_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_1319_03_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_1319_04_e.pdf |
| 6. Description of content: The proposed draft Regulation concerns the review of existing MRLs for denatonium benzoate, diuron, etoxazole, methomyl and teflubenzuron in certain food commodities following the non-approval of these substances for use on edible crops in the European Union. MRLs for these substances in certain commodities are lowered. Lower MRLs are set after deleting old uses which are not authorised any more in the European Union and for which a human health concern may not be excluded. |
| 7. Objective and rationale: <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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Maximum Residue Limits for pesticides etoxazole, methomyl and teflubenzuron in some commodities. CODEX MRLs list is available at https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticides/en/ . <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): |

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Etoxazole, methomyl and teflubenzuron are not approved in the European Union for edible crops. The European Food Safety Authority published reasoned opinions on the existing MRLs. Based on these opinions, Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 should be amended following a risk analysis approach.</p> |
| <p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396 - EFSA Conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance etoxazole; EFSA Journal 2017;15(10):4988 https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4988 - EFSA Reasoned Opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for methomyl according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005; EFSA Journal 2015;13(10):4277 https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4277 - EFSA Reasoned Opinion on the setting of import tolerances for teflubenzuron in grapefruits, mandarins and broccoli; EFSA Journal 2018;16(11):5474 https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2018.5474 - EFSA Scientific support for preparing an EU position in the 49th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR); EFSA Journal 2017;15(7):4929 https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4929 (available in English) |
| <p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 11 September 2023</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 11 October 2023</p> |
| <p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 May 2024</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p> |
| <p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 25 April 2023</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:</p> <p>European Commission SANTE - Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety Directorate D, Unit A4 Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 Tel: +(322) 29 54263/60933/80895 Fax: +(322) 29 98566 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu Website: http://www.ec.europa.euhttp://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/international_affairs/wto/index_en.htm</p> |

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

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