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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: UNITED KINGDOM

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- **2. Agency responsible:** The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and The Health and Safety Executive
- 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): Products (and associated GB commodity codes*): Celeriacs (0213030), onions (0220020), shallots (0220030), lettuces (0251020), escaroles (0251030), Rocket (0251060), witloofs (0255000), celeries (0270030), fennels (0270040) and chicory roots (0900030); Potatoes (0211000); Kidney (1012040, 1013040, 1014040, 1015040 and 1016040)

* For reference, the full list of GB commodity codes is set out in Part 1 of the GB pesticides Maximum Residue Level Statutory Register – see link).

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: Proposed GB MRLs for chlorpropham amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 20
- **6. Description of content:** This review of the MRLs has been undertaken by HSE under the GB regulatory regime. The draft Reasoned Opinion on the review of the MRLs is available at the following link: <u>The review of the existing MRLs for chlorpropham (hse.gov.uk)</u>

The majority of the MRLs for chlorpropham are already at the LOQ MRL. This measure lowers the LOQ MRLs for celeriacs, onions, shallots, lettuces, escaroles, rocket, witloofs, celeries, fennels, chicory roots from 0.05^* mg/kg to 0.01^* mg/kg and for Kidney (all species) from 0.2 mg/kg to 0.05^* mg/kg.

The MRL for potatoes is lowered from 10 mg/kg to 0.35 mg/kg. The MRL of 0.35 mg/kg is a tMRL (temporary MRL) set to cover contamination of untreated potatoes in storage facilities in which chlorpropham has been previously used. Additional requirements (MRL supplementary information) should be provided so that the continued validity of the tMRL can be reviewed. In addition, industry are expected to provide information on the efforts taken to clean potato storage facilities and hence reduce the contamination of untreated potatoes. The MRL of 0.35 mg/kg will eventually be lowered to the LOQ MRL of 0.01* mg/kg.

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: Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex [X] standard or related text): Codex 201 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: There is a CXL of 30 mg/kg for potatoes and CXLs for products of animal origin associated with the use on potatoes. Pesticide Detail | CODEXALIMENTARIUS FAO-WHO: https://www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=201 The CXL for potatoes leads to exceedances of the toxicological reference values and therefore harmful effects on human health cannot be excluded. The CXL does not meet the UK's appropriate level of protection. There is a lack of data to assess the transfer of residues into livestock from livestock consumption of treated potatoes. Therefore, it is not possible to exclude harmful effects to human health from the consumption of products of animal origin that contain residues of chlorpropham and the UK's appropriate level of protection has not been met. 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 10 October 2023 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 10 October 2023 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Trade facilitating measure [] 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: UK SPS Contact Point, Defra, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR E-mail: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk 13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: UK SPS Contact Point, Defra, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR E-mail: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk