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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency
- 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): All commodities
- 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: Phenol; Revoking Exemption From the Requirement of a Pesticide Tolerance. Proposed Rule. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-08-22/html/2023-18050.htm

- 6. Description of content: EPA is proposing to revoke the tolerance exemption for residues of the antimicrobial pesticide ingredient phenol when used as an inert ingredient (solvent/cosolvent) in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops. This rulemaking is proposed on the Agency's own initiative under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to implement a tolerance action the Agency determined was appropriate during the registration review conducted under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) for phenol. EPA is proposing to revoke this tolerance exemption because it corresponds to a use no longer current or registered under FIFRA in the United States.
- 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 standard or related text):
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes []No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

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- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <u>https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2022-title40-vol26/CFR-2022-title40-vol26-</u> <u>sec180-920</u> (available in English)
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined.

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.

- **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*): 23 October 2023

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

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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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