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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Department of Health
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): Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS code(s): 07); Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons (HS code(s): 08); Coffee, tea, maté and spices (HS code(s): 09); Cereals (HS code(s): 10); Cotton (HS code(s): 52)
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: Regulations Governing the Maximum Limits for Pesticide Residues that may be present in Foodstuffs: Amendment. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 18 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/ZAF/24_01839_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The amendment to the Regulations makes provision for the maximum limits for pesticide residues in foodstuffs under the control of the Department of Health, in terms of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetic and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972).
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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">– XG 33-1999, Recommended Methods of Sampling for the Determination of Pesticide Residues for Compliance with MRLs– CXG 40-1993, Guidelines on Good Laboratory Practice in Pesticide Residue Analysis– CXG 84-2012, Principles and Guidance on the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides to Commodity Groups– CXG 90-2017, Guidelines on Performance Criteria for Methods of Analysis for the Determination of Pesticide Residues in Food and Feed– CXG 97-2022, Guidelines for the Recognition of Active Substances or Authorized Uses of Active Substances of Low Public Health Concern that are Considered Exempted from the Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits or do not give rise to Residues

<p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <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: Deviations may occur because South African Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) related to, among others, field trials conducted in this country, are used in estimation of MRLs. In addition, exposure assessments of pesticides are conducted using South African consumption data.</p> <p>The original regulation, however, indicates that where food is imported into South Africa, and if MRLs are more restrictive than Codex MRLs, the Codex MRL will be accepted provided that the exposure to the population is not a risk to human safety.</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 16 February 2024</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 16 February 2024</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 February 2024</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input 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>13. Text(s) available from: <input 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>Department of Health Directorate: Food Control Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 Tel: +(27 12) 395 9359 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 E-mail: foodcontrol@health.gov.za and copy: CACPSA@health.gov.za</p>