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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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: Annexes to "Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acrinathrin, metalaxyl and thiabendazole in or on certain products". Language(s): English. Number of pages: 21 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/EEC/16_5055_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/EEC/16_5055_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: These notified annexes to the draft Regulation set proposed maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the substances acrinathrin, metalaxyl and thiabendazole. MRLs for these substances in certain commodities are changed: either increased or lowered. Lower MRLs are set after updating the limit of determinations and/or deleting old uses which are not authorised any more in the European Union or for which a human health concern may not be excluded. The residue definitions of the substances have also been updated.
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): Codex Maximum Residue Limits for the following pesticides: acrinathrin, metalaxyl and thiabendazole. <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<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: Some MRLs are different from Codex Standards; they are based on the scientific advice provided by EFSA (see below)</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2015. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for acrinathrin according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2015;13(7):4203. http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/scientific_output/files/main_document_s/4203.pdf - EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2015. Reasoned opinion on combined review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the active substances metalaxyl and metalaxyl-M. EFSA Journal 2015;13(4):4076. http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/scientific_output/files/main_document_s/4076.pdf - EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2016. Reasoned opinion on the revision of the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for thiabendazole. EFSA Journal 2016;14(6):4516. http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/4516 <p>(available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): February 2017</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): May 2017</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union</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): Comments are welcomed only on MRLs that were changed (in bold in a document linked under point 5 of this notification).</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 DG Health and Consumers, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101, B-1049 Brussels Tel: (+32 2) 295 42 63 Fax: (+32 2) 299 80 90 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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 DG Health and Consumers, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101, B-1049 Brussels Tel: (+32 2) 295 42 63 Fax: (+32 2) 299 80 90 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>