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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: Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for dithiocarbamates in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 6+1+10 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_04690_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_04690_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_04690_02_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The proposed draft Regulation updates the MRLs for substances belonging to the group of dithiocarbamates (such as maneb, mancozeb, metiram, propineb, thiram and ziram). They degrade to carbon disulfide (CS ₂), which also occur naturally in plants as phytochemical sulfur compounds and with the existing methodologies in place cannot be distinguished from the presence of residues resulting from the use of dithiocarbamates. The draft Regulation is also proposing a new residue definition for monitoring the presence on these substances.
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 dithiocarbamates in some commodities. Codex MRLs List is available at https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=105 . <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: The European Food Safety Authority published a review of the existing MRLs for dithiocarbamates in the framework of the Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. For some MRLs, the European Food Safety Authority has identified a risk to consumers and, therefore, the corresponding MRLs are lowered to safe levels.</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" https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2005/396/oj - EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2023. Review of the existing maximum residue levels for dithiocarbamates according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2023;21(5):7987 https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.7987
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 24 January 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 24 February 2025</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</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): 20 September 2024</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 Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 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 Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>