NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** AUSTRALIA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) |
| **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):** Foods sold in Australia (both imported and domestically produced) |
| **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:** Proposal M1021 – 2022 MRL Harmonisation Proposal: Call for submissions report; Proposal M1021 – 2022 MRL Harmonisation Proposal: Supporting document. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 65+55  <https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/M1021-Maximum-Residue-Limits-(2022).aspx> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Proposal seeks to amend the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* to align maximum residue limits (MRLs) with the: Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority MRL Standard; Codex Alimentarius Commission; and trading partner standards relating to residues of agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food.  This Proposal also includes proposed refinements to several food subgroups and commodities listed in Schedule 22 (Foods and classes of foods), as well as correction of typographical and formatting errors, necessary to improve the integrity of Schedules 20 and 22.  For further information, please contact the MRL Team at Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ): [MRL.contact@foodstandards.gov.au](mailto:MRL.contact@foodstandards.gov.au).  **The agvet chemicals where increased or new MRLs are being considered for specified plant commodities are:** Abamectin; Acequinocyl; Acetamiprid; Azinphos-methyl; Azoxystrobin; Benzovindiflupyr; Bicyclopyrone; Bifenazate; Bifenthrin; Bixafen; Boscalid; Chlorantraniliprole; Chlorothalonil; Clofentezine; Clothianidin; Cyantraniliprole; Cyflumetofen; Cyfluthrin; Cyhalothrin; Cypermethrin; Cyproconazole; Cyprodinil; 2,4-D; Dichlorvos; Difenoconazole; Diphenylamine; Diquat; Ethiprole; Fenbuconazole; Fenhexamid; Fenpicoxamid; Fenpyroximate; Fluazaindolizine; Fluazifop-p-butyl; Fludioxonil; Flutianil; Fluxapyroxad; Fomesafen; Hexythiazox; Imazalil; Iprodione; Isoprothiolane; Isoxaben; Mandipropamid; Metalaxyl; Metconazole; Methidathion; Methoprene; Methoxyfenozide; Metolachlor; Novaluron; Paraquat; Pendimethalin; Phosphorous acid; Pinoxaden; Propazine; Propiconazole; Prothioconazole; Pydiflumetofen; Pyrasulfotole; Pyraziflumid; Pyroxasulfone; Quinclorac; Spinetoram; Spinosad; Spiropidion; Spirotetramat; Sulfoxaflor; Tebuconazole; Tebufenozide; Thiamethoxam; Tolfenpyrad; Trifloxystrobin and Trinexapac-ethyl.  **The agvet chemicals where increased or new MRLs are being considered for specified animal commodities are:** Clothianidin; Fenpicoxamid; Fenpyroximate; Mandipropamid; Pyrasulfotole; Spiropidion; Thiamethoxam and Trifloxystrobin.  **The agvet chemicals where deletions or reductions in MRLs are being proposed for specified plant commodities are:** Azinphos-methyl; Benalaxyl; Bendiocarb; Bensulide; Bentazone; Bioresmethrin; Bromoxynil; Buprofezin; Butafenacil; Chlorpyrifos; Cyprodinil; Difenoconazole; Ethoprophos; Fenarimol; Fenhexamid; Fenpyroximate; Fluazifop-p-butyl; Fluxapyroxad; Hexazinone; Imazalil; Metalaxyl; Methidathion; Metolachlor; Oryzalin; Oxamyl; Oxycarboxin; Paclobutrazol; Pebulate; Pendimethalin; Phosphorous acid; Prometryn; Propaquizafop; Propazine; Propiconazole; Propyzamide; Pydiflumetofen; Pymetrozine; Pyridate; Pyroxsulam; Quinoxyfen; Saflufenacil; Sethoxydim; Spinetoram; Spinosad; Spirotetramat; Spiroxamine; Sulfoxaflor; Tebuconazole; Triadimefon; Triadimenol; Trichlorfon; Trifloxystrobin and Trifluralin.  **The agvet chemicals where deletions or reductions in MRLs are being proposed for specified animal commodities are:** Pydiflumetofen and Trifloxystrobin.  **New chemicals proposed for inclusion in schedule 20 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code are:** Flutianil; Isoprothiolane; Pyraziflumid and Spiropidion.  **The agvet chemicals where consequential amendments were required to remove exceptions for some commodities/correct typographical errors/make a temporary MRL a permanent MRL/include subgroup qualifier/but no changes were made to MRLs:** Abamectin; Acequinocyl; Acetamiprid; Aclonifen; Altrenogest; Ametoctradin; Aminoethoxyvinylglycine; Amitrole; Azinphos-methyl; Azoxystrobin; Bicyclopyrone; Bifenthrin ; Bixafen; Boscalid; Buprofezin; Cadusafos; Captan; Carbaryl; Chlorantraniliprole; Chlorothalonil; Chlorpyrifos; Clofentezine; Clothianidin; Cyantraniliprole; Cyclaniliprole; Cyflumetofen; Cyhalothrin; Cypermethrin; Cyprodinil; Cyromazine; 2,4-D; Diazinon; Dichlobenil; Difenoconazole; Dimethomorph; Dithiocarbamates; 2,2-DPA; Ethoprophos; Etofenprox; Etoxazole; Fenbutatin oxide; Fenhexamid; Fipronil; Florylpicoxamid; Fluazifop-p-butyl; Fludioxonil; Flumioxazin; Fluopyram; Flupyradifurone; Fluroxypyr; Fluxapyroxad; Forchlorfenuron; Glufosinate and Glufosinate-ammonium; Glyphosate; Haloxyfop; Hexythiazox; Imazalil; Imazamox; Imidacloprid; Indoxacarb; Ioxynil; Iprodione; Isofetamid; Linuron; Maldison; Mandestrobin; Metalaxyl; Methiocarb; Methomyl; Methoxyfenozide; Metolachlor; Milbemectin; Myclobutanil; Napropamide; Oryzalin; Oxathiapiprolin; Oxyfluorfen; Penconazole; Pendimethalin; Penthiopyrad; Permethrin; 2-Phenylphenol; Phosphorous acid; Pirimicarb; Procymidone; Propachlor; Propargite; Propiconazole; Proquinazid; Prothioconazole; Pydiflumetofen; Pymetrozine; Pyrasulfotole; Pyridaben; Pyroxasulfone; Quinoxyfen; Sethoxydim; Simazine; Spinetoram; Spinosad; Spirotetramat; Tebuconazole; Thiamethoxam; Tiafenacil; Trichlorfon; Trifloxystrobin; Trifluralin and Trinexapac-ethyl. |
| **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:**  **[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**   * CAC/MRL 1 Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides 2009 * CAC/MRL 2 Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs in Food 2011 * CAC/MRL 3 Extraneous Maximum Residue Limits (EMRLs) 2001 * and subsequent variations to relevant standards as adopted or revoked by the Commission   **[****]** **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:** The scientific methodology used by Australia to establish MRLs is consistent with international best practice. Countries set MRLs according to the good agricultural practice (GAP) or good veterinary practice (GVP) applicable to their region. Agricultural and veterinary chemical use patterns differ between different production regions and countries as pests, diseases and environmental factors vary. This means that Australian MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food may differ from Codex standards. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2015L00468> (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Mid-January 2024.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Mid-January 2024. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Date of Gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument, pending Government consideration (see Item 10).  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** The Proposal includes measures to address certain anomalies between the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* and Codex or other trading partner standards. |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 22 October 2023  **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:**  Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  GPO Box 858  Canberra ACT 2601  Australia  Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933  E-mail: [sps.contact@aff.gov.au](mailto:sps.contact@aff.gov.au%20)  Website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au> |
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