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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** US 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):** Multiple 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. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 3  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-08-30/html/2024-19531.htm> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This regulation revokes 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 established 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. |
| **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:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/08/22/2023-18050/phenol-revoking-exemption-from-the-requirement-of-a-pesticide-tolerance> (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 26 February 2025  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 26 February 2025 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 26 February 2025  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **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:**  Comments should be submitted to EPA's WTO SPS team at [EPAWTOSPS@epa.gov](mailto:EPAWTOSPS@epa.gov). |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-08-30/html/2024-19531.htm> |