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Report Highlights:

On December 9, 2025, China submitted a notification to the WTO under reference number G/SPS/N/CHN/1355, announcing the National Food Safety Standard for Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Pesticides. The standard proposes 209 new MRLs covering 93 pesticides across various food categories. The proposed date of entry into force has not been announced. Comments may be submitted to China's SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center at sps@customs.gov.cn until February 7, 2026. This report provides an unofficial translation of the draft standard.

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Summary:

On December 9, 2025, China notified 209 MRLs for 93 pesticides in foods to the WTO under G/SPS/N/CHN/1355. The draft standard includes new pesticides or updated food categories under specific pesticides that are not covered in the current National Food Safety Standard of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods (GB 2763-2021) and its supplementary standard (GB 2763.1-2022).

The draft standard references Codex standards for pesticide MRLs in foods and feeds. China stated that some of the proposed residue limits listed in the notified draft standard may differ from the Codex MRLs standards, as pests and environmental factors may vary in different producing regions, while noting the scientific methodology adopted to establish MRLs in China aligns with internationally accepted practices.

This report provides an unofficial translation of the draft standard and the original draft standard in Chinese as an attachment. Comments may be submitted to China's SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center at sps@customs.gov.cn until February 7, 2026. Stakeholders should conduct their own review of the regulations to assess any market or regulatory impacts on their business.

Background information:

The current National Food Safety Standard of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods (GB 2763-2021) contains 10,092 MRLs for 564 pesticides in foods. China released GB 2763-2021 in March 2021, and it entered into force on September 3, 2021. The supplemental National Food Safety Standard of Maximum Residue Limits for 112 Pesticides in Foods (GB 2763.1-2022) regulates 290 MRLs for 112 pesticides in foods. China released GB 2763.1-2022 in November 2022, and it went into effect on May 11, 2023.

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MRLs For Pesticides in Foods

Serial Number	Pesticide Name	Food Name (Category)	MRL (mg/kg)
1	2,4-D dimethyl amine salt	Paddy rice	0.05
		Brown rice	0.05
2	2,4-D-ethylhexyl	Millet	0.05
3	MCPA (sodium)	Millet	0.1
4	MCPA-isooctyl	Millet	0.05
5	Abamectin	Sichuan pepper (Fresh)	0.05
		Sichuan pepper (Dried)	0.05
6	Diethyl aminoethyl hexanoate	Ginger	0.05
7	Metamitron	Cottonseed	0.05
8	Diflufenican	Garlic	0.05
		Green garlic	0.05
		Garlic scape	0.05
9	Pyraclostrobin	Lychee	0.5
10	Isopyrazam	Citrus	1
		Mandarin orange	1
		Orange	1
		Mango	0.1
		Dragon fruit	0.5
		Sichuan pepper (Fresh)	2
		Sichuan pepper (Dried)	5
11	Albendazole	Cucumber	0.2
		Citrus	0.2
		Mandarin orange	0.2
		Orange	0.2
12	Oxadiargyl	Garlic	0.05
		Green garlic	0.05
		Garlic scape	0.05
13	Glufosinate-ammonium	Cauliflower	0.1

14	Chlorfenapyr	Leek	2
15	Metiram	Broccoli	2
		Chinese kale	2
		Pomelo	2
		Persimmon	2
		Oyster mushroom	5
16	Cyanamide	Kiwi fruit	0.05
17	Isoprothiolane	Banana	2
18	Cyflumetofen	Goji berry (Fresh)	3
		Goji berry (Dried)	7
19	Coumoxystrobin	Citrus	0.2
		Mandarin orange	0.2
		Orange	0.2
20	Picoxystrobin	Cottonseed	2
21	4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid sodium salt	Citrus	0.5
		Mandarin orange	0.5
		Orange	0.5
		Cherry	0.2
		Chinese bayberry	0.05
		Sichuan pepper (Fresh)	0.2
		Sichuan pepper (Dried)	0.2

22	Carbendazim	Ginseng (Fresh)	0.2
		Ginseng (Dried)	0.5
23	Paclobutrazol	Peach	1
		Ophiopogon root (Fresh)	0.5
		Ophiopogon root (Dried)	2
24	Oxadiazon	Onion	0.05
		Carrot	0.05
		Ginger	0.1
25	Hymexazol	Ginger	0.5
		Potato	0.1
		Chrysanthemum (Fresh)	0.1
		Chrysanthemum (Dried)	0.1
26	Famoxadone	Lychee	2
27	Pendimethalin	Onion	0.05
		Green garlic	0.1
		Garlic scape	0.1
28	Quinclorac	Citrus	0.5
		Mandarin orange	0.5
		Orange	0.5
29	Bixlozone	Wheat	0.1
30	Sodium dichloroisocyanurate	Chinese bayberry	7

31	Diazinon	Fritillaria (Fresh)	0.05
		Fritillaria (Dried)	0.05
32	Dithianon	Strawberry	3
33	Rimsulfuron	Konjac	0.1
34	Dinotefuran	Radish	0.5
		Goji berry (Fresh)	2
		Button mushroom	0.5
		Goji berry (Dried)	5
35	Flupyradifurone	Eggplant	1
36	Fluopyram	Ginger	0.1
37	Fluazinam	Grape	3
38	Flonicamid	Goji berry (Fresh)	1
		Goji berry (Dried)	3
39	Cyfluthrin and beta-cyfluthrin	Garlic	0.2
		Green garlic	0.5
		Garlic scape	0.2
		Ginger	1
40	Fluopimomide	Garlic	0.1
		Green garlic	1
		Garlic scape	0.3

		Mango	0.3
		Hami melon	1
		Ginseng (Fresh)	0.2
		Ginseng (Dried)	0.2
		Notoginseng (Fresh)	0.2
		Notoginseng tuberous root (Dried)	0.5
		Notoginseng fibrous root (Dried)	0.5
41	Fluoxastrobin	Chili	5
42	Flufenacet	Paddy rice	0.2
		Brown rice	0.1
43	Fluensulfone	Tomato	0.5
44	Procymidone	Sunflower seed	0.5
45	Cyhalothrin and lambda-cyhalothrin	Lily bulb (Fresh)	0.05
		Lily bulb (Dried)	0.05
		Honeysuckle flower (Fresh)	0.2
		Honeysuckle flower (Dried)	0.5
46	Hexazinone	Blueberry	0.05
47	Mepiquat chloride	Paddy rice	0.1
		Brown rice	0.1
		Garlic	0.5

		Green garlic	3
		Garlic scape	2
		Peach	0.5
		Salvia root (Fresh)	2
		Salvia root (Dried)	5
		Ophiopogon root (Fresh)	0.3
		Ophiopogon root (Dried)	1
48	Metalaxyl and metalaxyl-M	Ginger	0.05
49	Jinggangmycin	Notoginseng (Fresh)	0.2
		Notoginseng tuberous root (Dried)	0.2
		Notoginseng fibrous root (Dried)	0.2
50	Dimetachlone	Rapeseed	0.2
		Grape	2
51	Quizalofop-ethyl and quizalofop-P-ethyl	Sweet potato	0.1
52	Oxine-copper	Mango	1
53	Spirodiclofen	Goji berry (Fresh)	1
		Goji berry (Dried)	2
54	Forchlorfenuron	Lychee	0.05
		Mango	0.05

55	Mefentrifluconazole	Potato	0.05
		Peach	2
		Lychee	0.5
56	Azoxystrobin	Sichuan pepper (Fresh)	5
		Sichuan pepper (Dried)	7
57	Dazomet	Strawberry	0.1
		Notoginseng (Fresh)	0.1
		Notoginseng fibrous root (Dried)	0.1
		Notoginseng tuberous root (Dried)	0.1
		Notoginseng flower (Dried)	0.1
58	1-naphthylacetic acid	Cherry	0.2
		Mango	0.2
		Pineapple	0.05
59	Clothianidin	Lily bulb (Fresh)	0.05
		Honeysuckle flower (Fresh)	0.1
		Honeysuckle flower (Dried)	0.1
		Lily bulb (Dried)	0.05
		Notoginseng (Fresh)	0.1
		Notoginseng tuberous root (Dried)	0.1
		Notoginseng fibrous root (Dried)	0.2

60	Thiacloprid	Chinese cabbage	3
		Cowpea	3
		Banana	0.1
61	Thiamethoxam	Cucumber	1
		Goji berry (Fresh)	1
		Oyster mushroom	0.7
		Goji berry (Dried)	5
62	Thifluzamide	Ginger	0.1
63	Hexythiazox	Goji berry (Fresh)	1
		Goji berry (Dried)	3
64	Benziothiazolinone	Kiwi fruit	0.05
65	Buprofezin	Sichuan pepper (Fresh)	0.1
		Sichuan pepper (Dried)	0.2
66	Cyclobutrifluram	Tomato	0.05
67	Triclopyr 2-butoxyethyl ester	Wheat	0.2
68	Thiosultap-disodium	Peanut kernel	0.2
69	Lufenuron	Cauliflower	0.5
		Leaf mustard	3
70	Afidopyropen	Potato	0.05
		Strawberry	0.2

		Tea leaf	1
71	Iminoctadinetris (albesilate)	Hami melon	0.1
72	Propamocarb and Propamocarb hydrochloride	Notoginseng (Fresh)	0.5
		Notoginseng fibrous root (Dried)	0.5
		Notoginseng tuberous root (Dried)	0.5
73	Clofentezine	Goji berry (Fresh)	1
		Goji berry (Dried)	2
74	Tetramycin	Cucumber	0.05
		Citrus	0.1
		Mandarin orange	0.1
		Orange	0.1
		Peach	0.1
		Mango	0.1
75	Tetraniliprole	Corn	0.05
		Sweet corn	0.05
76	Terbuthylazine	Sorghum	0.02
77	Metam-sodium	Ginger	0.1
78	Trifloxystrobin	Goji berry (Fresh)	3
		Tea leaf	2
		Goji berry (Dried)	5

79	Dimethomorph	Taro	1
80	Mesotrione	Coix seed	0.05
81	Bromothalonil	Mango	0.2
82	Deltamethrin	Scallion	0.2
83	Bronopol	Citrus	0.2
		Mandarin orange	0.2
		Orange	0.2
84	Bupirimate	Strawberry	7
85	Cyetpyrafen	Goji berry (Fresh)	1
		Strawberry	5
		Goji berry (Dried)	1
86	Propisochlor	Coix seed	0.05
87	Iprodione	Sunflower seed	0.05
88	Imazalil	Fritillaria (Fresh)	0.05
		Fritillaria (Dried)	0.2
89	Atrazine	Coix seed	0.05
90	Tolfenpyrad	Angled luffa	0.1
91	Pinoxaden	Barley	0.7
92	Fenpyroximate	Corn	0.02
93	Flumetsulam	Sweet potato	0.05

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