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## **Report Name:** Two Draft MRL Standards Released for Domestic Comment

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## **Report Highlights:**

Two draft Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) standards covering 64 and 26 pesticides, respectively, were released for domestic comment on August 10, 2021. The deadline for submitting comments is September 5, 2021. The commodities covered range from grains, and fruits and vegetables, to vegetable oils.





## **Summary:**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) released two draft Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) standards covering 64 and 26 pesticides, respectively, for domestic comment on August 10, 2021. The deadline for submitting comments is September 5, 2021. FAS China expects these draft standards to be notified to the WTO SPS Committee after the domestic comment process is complete. The commodities covered range from grains, and fruits and vegetables, to vegetable oils.

This report provides an unofficial translation of the MARA notice and the two attached draft MRL standards. The Chinese language form for submitting comments can be found at the following <u>link</u>. MARA requests that comments on each of the draft standards be sent on the form(s) separately using the Form for Comments Submission for each standard. Completed comments should be sent to the Secretariat of the National Pesticide Residue Standards Review Committee:

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The MARA notice containing the draft standards can be found at: <u>http://www.zzys.moa.gov.cn/gzdt/202108/t20210811\_6373973.htm</u>.

The second standard contains MRLs for banned and restricted pesticides, most of which appear to be set at low levels to account for the presence of the pesticide in the environment.

**Note:** Draft MRL standards generally do not become official until they are included in an update of MARA's National Food Safety Standard for Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides in Food (GB2763). The 2021 version of GB 2763 was announced in March and will be implemented on September 3, 2021. A translation is being published as GAIN Report CH2021-0099. **End Note.** 

## **Attachments:**

<u>Attachment 1 Letter Solicitating Public Comments on National Standard - Maximum Residue Limits for</u> <u>Pesticides in Food (Draft for Comments).docx</u>

Attachment 2 Maximum residue limits for 64 pesticides in food (Draft for Comments).docx

Attachment 3 Maximum residue limits for 26 pesticides in food" (Draft for Comments).docx

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