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**Report Highlights:**

On September 20, 2022, the China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA), the National Health Commission (NHC), and the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) jointly published Announcement No. 594 containing the National Food Safety Standard of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for 41 Veterinary Drugs in Foods (GB 31650.1-2022) and 21 standards of methods for determination of veterinary drug residues. The Announcement was previously notified for comment to the WTO on October 27, 2021 and published in an earlier FAS China GAIN Report. The standard enters into force on February 1, 2023.

**Summary:**

On September 20, 2022, MARA, the NHC, and SAMR jointly published [Announcement No. 594](#) (link in Chinese) to announce the publication of the National Food Safety Standard for Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for 41 Veterinary Drugs in Foods (GB 31650.1-2022) and 21 standards of methods for determination of veterinary drug residues. The standards will enter into force on February 1, 2023. On January 6, 2023, the full text of the above-mentioned standards was finally available for download on the Center for Agricultural Products Quality and Safety website (<http://www.aqsc.org>). FAS published a translation of the draft MRLs that affects the meat/livestock, poultry, seafood, and apiculture sectors on November 17, 2021 (see GAIN report [CH2021-0140](#)), when China notified the measures to the World Trade Organization (WTO) on October 27, 2021 as G/SPS/N/CHN/1233.

The standard establishes MRLs for 41 veterinary drugs used in foods. In comparison with the previously notified standard, the target tissue of “Honey” under animal species of “Bee” was adjusted from 2µg/kg in the notified draft to 5µg/kg in the final regulation for several veterinary drugs as described in the below table.

Table 1. China: Revised MRLs for Veterinary Drugs in Honey

Name of Veterinary Drug	Animal Species	Target Tissue	MRL (µg/kg)
Lomefloxacin	Bee	Honey	5
Norfloxacin	Bee	Honey	5
Ofloxacin	Bee	Honey	5
Pefloxacin	Bee	Honey	5

Note: The new standard of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for 41 Veterinary Drugs in Foods (GB 31650.1-2022) is an addendum to the currently implemented standard National Food Safety Standard of Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs in Foods (GB 31650-2019) (see GAIN report [CH2019-0176](#)).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.