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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Health and Safety Executive
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): MRLs proposed to be raised: – Tomatoes (0231010); – Gojiberries/wolfberries (0231010-005/0231010-006); – Aubergines/eggplants (0231030); – Okra/lady's fingers (0231040); – Gherkins (0232020); – Courgettes (0232030); – Others – cucurbits – edible peel (0232990); – Teas (0610000). MRLs proposed to be lowered: – Peaches (0140030); – Table grapes (0151010); – Wine grapes (0151020); – Celeries (0270030). * For reference, the full list of GB commodity codes is set out in Part 1 of the GB pesticides Maximum Residue Level Statutory Register – see link).
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: Proposed GB MRLs for dinotefuran amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 20 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/GBR/25_06126_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Dinotefuran is not an approved active substance in Great Britain (GB). An application was received by the Health and Safety Executive to set new MRLs for various commodities. Following assessment, new MRLs have been introduced to set Import Tolerances. The Evaluation Report and draft Reasoned Opinion supporting the new MRLs is available at the following link: The review of the MRLs and the evaluation of new MRLs for dinotefuran in or on various commodities.docx This contains full details of HSE's assessment. The residue levels arising in food and feed from the MRLs for tomatoes, aubergines/eggplants, okra/ lady's fingers, gherkins, courgettes, other cucurbits with edible peel and tea result in UK consumer exposures below the toxicological reference values and therefore harmful effects on human health are not expected.

	The MRL (0.3 mg/kg) for tomatoes will apply to all varieties listed in Part 1 of the GB MRL Statutory Register, except gojiberries/wolfberries, for which a specific MRL of 0.6 mg/kg is proposed to be adopted. For peaches (the GB MRL also applies to nectarine), grapes and celeries following a review of all the available evidence, the UK's appropriate level of protection has not been met for the current GB MRLs and it is proposed to lower the MRLs to 0.01* mg/kg. For a number of commodities, no specific MRLs have been established in the GB MRL Statutory Register. Therefore, the default LOQ MRL of 0.01* mg/kg currently applies. Specific MRLs at 0.01*mg/kg – 0.05* mg/kg are proposed to be included in the GB MRL Statutory Register for these commodities. Details of these can be found in the notified document. This measure retains the previous MRLs for all other commodities.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ 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): Codex standard derived from JMPR active substance number 255 ☐ 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 ☒ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Full details of HSE's assessment of CXLs for dinotefuran are in the Reasoned Opinion. The CXLs for eggs, poultry meat and poultry edible offals of, are 0.02* mg/kg based on a residue definition of the sum of dinotefuran and UF, expressed as dinotefuran. The GB residue definition is dinotefuran only and the GB MRLs proposed for these commodities is therefore 0.01* mg/kg; this is equivalent to the CXL. The CXLs for a number of commodities have not been recommended for adoption. The review of the available evidence concluded these CXLs do not satisfy the UK's appropriate level of protection. GB MRLs have been recommended for specific crops within these commodity groups. The draft Reasoned Opinion outlines the detailed assessment.
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 17 January 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 17 January 2026
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: ☒ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 July 2026. The proposed measures retains, raises (trade facilitating measure) and lowers MRLs. As harm to human health cannot be excluded for the current MRLs for peaches, grapes and celeries, it is proposed these MRLs are lowered. All the MRLs (lowered, retained and raised) will come into force six months after the date of publication and adoption. ☐ Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 November 2025

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