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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** New Zealand  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry for Primary Industries |
| **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):** Vegetables, fruit, animal products, and other food products |
| **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:** Proposals to Amend the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Levels for Agricultural Compounds) Food Notice.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 15  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/NZL/21_6189_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The document contains technical details on proposals to amend the current Notice issued under the Food Act 2014 that lists the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for agricultural compounds in New Zealand.  MPI proposes the following amendments to the Notice:  The amendment of existing MRL entries for the following compounds and commodities:   * Fluazinam: 0.01(\*) mg/kg in apples; * Mandestrobin: 0.01(\*) mg/kg in potatoes; * Pyriofenone: 0.01(\*) mg/kg in apples and 0.05 mg/kg in grapes.   (\*) indicates that the maximum residue level has been set at or about the limit of analytical quantification.  Amendment of three entries in Schedule 2 for agricultural chemicals for which no maximum residue level applies: The entry for active ingredients that are foods or permitted food additives, to revise the wording of the substance description for clarity; the entry for microbial active ingredients, to revise the wording to ensure the listing manages the associated risk; and the entry for plant extracts (unrefined), to add three additional species to the list of plants from which extracts are derived that do not require the application of a MRL. The addition of two new entries in Schedule 3 for veterinary medicines for which no maximum residue level applies, one of which replaces an entry that is no longer required: A new entry for zeolite, when used in cattle as a calcium binder and in food producing species as a mycotoxin binder.  Replacement of the entry for medroxyprogesterone acetate for intravaginal use in sheep with an entry for progesterone for intravaginal use in sheep and cattle. |
| **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:**  **[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**   * CAC/GL 84-2012: Principles and Guidance on the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides to Commodity Groups * CAC/MRL 1: Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides * CAC/MRL 2: Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and Risk Management Recommendations (RMRs) for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods   **[ ]****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?**  **[****X]** **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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be confirmed.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be confirmed. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be confirmed - promulgation will occur once the document is finalised post-consultation.  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 27 November 2021  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Mrs Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz |
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