NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General |
| **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):** Meat and edible meat offal (HS code(s): 02); Cereals (HS code(s): 10) |
| **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:** Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acetamiprid in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 18  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_04551_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_04551_01_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_04551_02_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_04551_03_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The proposed draft Regulation concerns the review of existing MRLs for acetamiprid in certain food commodities. MRLs for these substances in certain commodities are lowered. |
| **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)*:** Codex Maximum Residue Limits for acetamiprid in some commodities. Codex MRLs List is available at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticides/en/>.  **[ ] 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 [X] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** The European Food Safety Authority published a statement on the existing MRLs for acetamiprid. Based on the opinion, Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 should be amended following a risk analysis approach.  The current EU policy is to align EU MRLs with CXLs if the following conditions are fulfilled: (i) that the European Union sets MRLs for the commodity under consideration; (ii) that the current EU MRL is lower than the CXL; and (iii) that the CXL is acceptable to the European Union with respect to its policy objective of ensuring a high level of consumer protection, including aspects on supporting data and extrapolations. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   * Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC   <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396>   * European Food Safety Authority; Statement on the toxicological properties and maximum residue levels of acetamiprid and its metabolites; EFSA Journal. 2024;22:e8759   <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/8759>  (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 February 2025  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2 February 2025 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union, and apply three months thereafter.  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 10 September 2024  **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:**  European Commission  DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations  Rue Froissart 101  B-1049 Brussels  Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263  E-mail: [sps@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu) |
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