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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), Health Canada
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): Pesticide difenoconazole in or on leaves of root and tuber vegetables (ICS: 65.020, 65.100, 67.040, 67.080).
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Proposed Maximum Residue Limit: Difenoconazole (PMRL2023-43). Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 7 and 8
6. Description of content: The objective of the notified document PMRL2023-43 is to consult on the listed maximum residue limit (MRL) for difenoconazole that has been proposed by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). <u>MRL (ppm)¹</u> <u>Raw Agricultural Commodity (RAC) and/or Processed Commodity</u> 8.0 Leaves of root and tuber vegetables (human food or animal feed) (crop group 2, except garden beet tops ² , radish leaves ³ and turnip greens ³) ¹ ppm = parts per million ² Garden beet tops are excluded from this MRL action as an MRL of 8.0 ppm is already established for this commodity. ³ Radish leaves and turnip greens are excluded from this MRL action as an MRL of 35 ppm is already established for these commodities. The commodities included in the listed crop groups/subgroups can be found on the <i>Residue Chemistry Crop Groups</i> webpage (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/pesticides-pest-management/public/protecting-your-health-environment/pesticides-food/residue-chemistry-crop-groups.html) in the Pesticides section of the Canada.ca website.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety , <input type="checkbox"/> animal health , <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection , <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease , <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): 224 Difenconazole</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Currently, there are no Codex MRLs listed for difenoconazole in or on the petitioned commodities according to the Codex Alimentarius Pesticide Index website.</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada website: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/pesticides-pest-management/public/consultations.html, PMRL2023-43, posted: 14 September 2023 (available in English and French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Normally within 4 to 5 months from the posting of the Proposed MRL document on the Health Canada web site.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): On the date the measure is adopted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 November 2023</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>

13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/pesticides-pest-management/public/consultations/proposed-maximum-residue-limit/2023/difenoconazole-leaves-of-root-and-tuber-vegetables/document.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/securite-produits-consommation/pesticides-lutte-antiparasitaire/public/consultations/limites-maximales-residus-proposees/2023/difenoconazole-feuilles-legumes-racines-et-legumes-tubercules/document.html> (French)

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