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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
<b>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):</b> Cereals (HS codes: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origin (HS codes: 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> 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 2,4-DB, iodosulfuron-methyl, mesotrione and pyraflufen-ethyl (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 19 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_01_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_02_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_03_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_03_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_04_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_12345_04_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed draft Regulation concerns the update of existing MRLs for 2,4-DB, iodosulfuron-methyl, mesotrione and pyraflufen-ethyl in certain food products following the evaluation and/or the lack of confirmatory data.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Codex Maximum Residue Limits for mesotrione in some commodities. CODEX MRLs LIST is available at <a href="https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticides/en/">https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticides/en/</a> . <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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: <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396</a></li> <li>- Lack of confirmatory data following Article 12 MRL reviews for 2,4-DB, iodosulfuron-methyl, mesotrione, methoxyfenozide and pyraflufen-ethyl: <a href="https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/8013">https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/8013</a> (available in English)</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> March 2024</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> March 2024</p>	
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20<sup>th</sup> day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union, and apply six months thereafter.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>	
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 November 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>	<p>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: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a></p>
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