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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): 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
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 GB Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for ethoprophos, fenamidone, methiocarb, propiconazole and pymetrozine amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 37 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/GBR/22_4232_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The document outlines the proposed MRLs for ethoprophos, fenamidone, methiocarb, propiconazole and pymetrozine following a review of the relevant MRLs by the Health and Safety Executive. The draft Reasoned Opinions on the review of the MRLs are available at the following link: The review of the MRLs for ethoprophos - Proposed MRLs (hse.gov.uk) The review of the MRLs for fenamidone - Proposed MRLs (hse.gov.uk) The review of the MRLs for methiocarb - Proposed MRLs (hse.gov.uk) The review of the MRLs for propiconazole - Proposed MRLs (hse.gov.uk) The review of the MRLs for pymetrozine - Proposed MRLs (hse.gov.uk) All MRLs are being lowered to the limit of quantification as the risks of a harmful effect on human health mean that the appropriate level of human protection is not met.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): – The codex MRLs (CXLs) adopted for ethoprophos, fenamidone, methiocarb and propiconazole are available in the Codex Pesticide Residues in Food Online Database: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/en/ .

- There are no CXLs for pymetrozine. However, the JMPR (Joint Meeting of the FAO/WHO) on Pesticide Residues evaluated pymetrozine as a new active substance in 2014⁽¹⁾. The JMPR was unable to recommend any MRLs as they could not conclude on residue definitions for risk assessment for both plants and animals; there were a number of metabolites to which humans and livestock may be exposed to for which the JMPR could not conclude on the toxicological profile, and this included potential genotoxic concerns.
- The CXLs specifically for ethoprophos, fenamidone, methiocarb and propiconazole are available here:
 - Ethoprophos: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=149
 - Fenamidone: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=264
 - Methiocarb: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=132
 - Propiconazole: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=160

⁽¹⁾ JMPR (Joint Meeting of the FAO/WHO on Pesticide Residues), 2014. Report 2014:

https://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/agphome/documents/Pests_Pesticides/JMPR/Report2014/JMPR_2014_Full_Report.pdf

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: There are currently codex MRLs established for ethoprophos, fenamidone, methiocarb and propiconazole and these are listed in the 'Codex Pesticide Residues in Food Online Database'.

The conclusion, following risk assessment, was that for the MRLs ethoprophos, fenamidone, methiocarb, propiconazole, and pymetrozine, harmful effects for human health cannot be excluded.

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 24 October 2022

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 24 October 2022

11. Proposed date of entry into force: Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):

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12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 August 2022

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