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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency
- 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): Pineapple; Pineapple, process residue
- 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: Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances. Final Rule. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-06-15/html/2022-12880.htm

- **6. Description of content:** This regulation establishes tolerances for residues of thiamethoxam in or on pineapples.
- 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:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*):
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [X] 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: Codex has established an MRL for thiamethoxam in pineapple at 0.01 mg/kg which is different than the US tolerance. At this time, the Codex and EPA residue definitions are different (Codex's MRL is for the parent compound, thiamethoxam only, while EPA's is thiamethoxam plus metabolite CGA-322704); therefore, it is not possible to harmonize with the Codex MRL.

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- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <u>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-24/html/2021-17894.htm</u> (available in English)
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 15 June 2022

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 15 June 2022

- **11.** Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: 15 June 2022
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Not applicable

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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

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