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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Health, Directorate: Food Control
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): Maximum limits for pesticide residues in foodstuffs
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: Regulations Relating to the Maximum Limits for Pesticide Residues that may be present in foodstuffs (Government Notice R.420 of 13 May 2011) Language(s): English Number of pages: 3
6.	Description of content: : The Regulations include new maximum residue limits (MRLs) on commodities as indicated in the Annex and also include definitions of pome, stone and citrus fruits.
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 (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) Codex Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Deviations may occur because South African Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) related to, among others, field trials conducted in this country, are used in the estimation of MRLs. In addition, exposure assessments of pesticides are conducted

<p>using South African consumption data rather than GEMS regional consumption data of the FAO/WHO.</p> <p>The original regulation, however, indicates that where food is imported into South Africa, and if the MRLs are more restrictive than Codex MRLs, Codex MRLs will be accepted providing that exposure to the population is not a risk to human safety.</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Government Gazette No. 34285 of 13 May 2011 (available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): After final publication of the regulations in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before 13 November 2011.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 13 November 2011</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 August 2011</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Directorate: Food Control Department of Health Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 - South Africa Tel: +(27 12) 395 8797 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 E-mail: chandr@health.gov.za</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Department of Health Directorate: Food Control Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001- South Africa Tel: +(27 12) 395 8789 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 Website: http://www.doh.gov.za/department/dir_foodcontr-f.html</p>