



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
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): Processed foods in general
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners The notification relates to imported as well as domestically produced foods sold in Australia. <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Assessment summary for Maximum Residue Limits Proposal Language(s): English Number of pages: 29
6. Description of content: This Proposal seeks to amend the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> to align maximum residue limits (MRLs) for various agricultural and veterinary chemicals so that they are consistent with other national regulations relating to the safe and effective use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals; and to align certain limits with Codex or trading partner standards relating to residues of agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food. The document includes a summary of the scientific risk assessment and risk assessment methodology.
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) CAC/MRL 1 Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides 2009; CAC/MRL 2 Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs in Food 2011; CAC/MRL 3 Extraneous Maximum Residue Limits (EMRLs) 2001, and subsequent variations to relevant standards as adopted or revoked by the Commission. <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Certain proposed limits conform to Codex limits. These are detailed in section 3.3.3 of the Report.

Internationally, countries set MRLs according to good agricultural practice (GAP) or good veterinary practice (GVP). The scientific methodology used by Australia to establish MRLs is consistent with international best practice. Agricultural and veterinary chemicals are used differently in different production regions as pests, diseases and environmental factors differ and because product use patterns may differ. This means that Australian limits for residues of agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food may differ from Codex standards. Proposed limits reflect Australian GAP or, in recognition of residues that may occur in imported foods, harmonise with limits set by other member nations in relation to GAP. Also, there may be no corresponding Codex limit for certain proposed limits.

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (available in English)

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): FSANZ Board approval anticipated October 2013.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Notification to Government anticipated November 2013 with gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument to follow in January 2014, pending Government consideration.

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Date of Gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument pending Government consideration (see 10. above).

[X] Trade facilitating measure The Proposal includes measures to address certain anomalies between the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* and Codex or trading partner standards. This should assist in the facilitation of trade for certain food products. Refer section 3.3.3 and Attachment A of the Report.

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 September 2013

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