

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA)
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): Specified foods containing residues of the specified agricultural compounds.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries exporting the specified foods containing residues of the specified agricultural compounds in food in New Zealand.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standard 2002. Consolidating and updating the MRL Standard 1999 and Amendments; A new Maximum Residue Limit – a discussion document (available in English, 21 pages).
6.	<p>Description of content: The New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standard 2002 consolidates the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Mandatory Food Standard 1999 and subsequent amendments (No.1 to 7). In addition, the proposed standard updates MRL Standard 1999 to reflect recent changes in the legislative framework around food and agricultural compounds regulation, and to correct miscellaneous inconsistencies. The proposed standard also adds a new MRL for Spinosad in stonefruit.</p> <p>Under the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standard 2002, food imported into New Zealand may comply with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The limits specified in the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standard 2002; or• The appropriate Codex MRL for residues of agricultural compounds or• A default level of 0.1 mg/kg. if the residue is not covered by the former two requirements. <p>As these are trade-facilitating measures this draft SPS measure has been adopted. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and made amendments if necessary.</p>
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

<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: 20 December 2002</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: 20 December 2002</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: 1 March 2003 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Sonia Scott New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) PO Box 2835 Wellington New Zealand Tel: +64 4 463 2581 Fax: +64 4 463 2583 Email: sonia.scott@nzfsa.gov.nz</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Coordinator SPS New Zealand PO Box 2526 101-103 The Terrace Wellington New Zealand Tel: +64 4 474 4226; Fax: +64 4 470 2730; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz Website: www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>