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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency - EPA
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Organophosphate pesticide
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Organophosphate Pesticides: Availability of Revised Risk Assessments for Methidathion and Oxydemeton Methyl (3 pages plus related documents)
5.	Description of content: This notice announces the availability of the revised risk assessments and related documents for two organophosphate pesticides, methidathion and oxydemeton methyl. In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit risk management ideas or proposals. These actions are in response to a joint initiative between EPA and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to increase transparency in the tolerance reassessment process for organophosphate pesticides.
6.	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
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: Some differences currently exist between the United States MRLs for organophosphate pesticides and CXLs under Codex Alimentarius. Making these documents available at this stage is meant to increase transparency and public involvement in the US tolerance reassessment process for organophosphate pesticides.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 64 FR 68679, 8 December 1999 (Available in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.

- 11. Final date for comments:** 7 February 2000
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National notification authority, ☐ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Environmental Protection Agency

Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.

- 12. Texts available from:** ☒ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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