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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: Pesticides
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Atrazine, Bensulide, Carbofuran, Diphenamid, Fumaric acid, Imazalil, 6-Methyl-1,3-dithiolo[4,5-b]quinoxalin-2-one, Phosphamidon, S-Propyl dipropylthiocarbamate, and Trimethacarb; Proposed Revocation of Tolerances (7 pages)
5.	Description of content: This document proposes to revoke specific tolerances for residues of the insecticides carbofuran, phosphamidon, and trimethacarb; the herbicides atrazine, S-(O,O-diisopropyl phosphorodithioate) ester of N-(2-mercaptoethyl) benzenesulfonamide, known as bensulide, S-propyl dipropylthiocarbamate, known as vernolate, and diphenamid; the fungicides fumaric acid and imazalil; and the fungicide/ insecticide 6-methyl-1,3-dithiolo[4,5-b]quinoxalin-2-one (oxythioquinox). EPA expects to determine whether any individuals or groups want to support these tolerances. The regulatory actions proposed in this document are part of the Agency's reregistration program under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the tolerance reassessment requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). By law, EPA is required to reassess 66 per cent of the tolerances in existence on 2 August 1996, by August 2002, or about 6,400 tolerances. The regulatory actions proposed in this document pertain to the proposed revocation of 81 tolerances and/or exemptions, but since one exemption for fumaric acid was previously reassessed, 80 would be counted among tolerance/exemption reassessments made toward the August, 2002 review deadline of FFDCA section 408(q), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996.
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: Differences exist between some of the actions the United States is taking and the current status of some tolerances in the Codex.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 66 FR 39709, 1 August 2001 (Available in English)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.
11.	<p>Final date for comments: Comments must be received on or before 1 October 2001.</p> <p>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: Detailed instructions on where and how to send comments are in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.</p>
12.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>United States SPS Enquiry Point/Notification Authority Attn: Carolyn F. Wilson Room 5545 South Agriculture Building Stop 1027 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C.20250 Tel: (202) 720-2239 Fax: (202) 690-0677 E-mail: ofsts@fas.usda.gov</p>