

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>UNITED STATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Environmental Protection Agency – EPA (503)
3.	<b>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). Pesticides Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b>
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Endosulfan Pesticides; Availability of Risk Assessments (2 pages plus risk assessments)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> This notice announces the availability of risk assessments that were developed as part of EPA's process for making pesticide Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) and tolerance reassessments consistent with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). These risk assessments are the human health and ecological risk assessments and related documents for endosulfan. This notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the risk assessments and risk management strategies. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the risk assessments, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure decisions made under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information. The tolerance reassessment process will ensure that the United States continues to have the safest and most abundant food supply.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> There are a number of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for endosulfan established by Codex.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> 66 FR 47666, 13 September 2001 (available in English)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined

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| <p><b>11. Final date for comments:</b> 13 November 2001</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ ] National notification authority, [ ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>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.</p>                                    |
| <p><b>12. Texts available from:</b> [ ] National notification authority, [ ] 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<br/>USDA/FAS/FSTSD<br/>ATTN: Carolyn F. Wilson<br/>Room 5545 South Agriculture Building<br/>Stop 1027<br/>1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.<br/>Washington, D.C. 20250<br/>Tel: (202) 720-2239<br/>Fax: (202) 690-0677<br/>E-mail Address: ofsts@fas.usda.gov</p> |