

# 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)
3.	<b>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):</b> Products that use the pesticide Thiamethoxam
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Any US trading partners.
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances, (available in English, 9 pages).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This regulation establishes tolerances for combined residues of thiamethoxam and its metabolite in or on imported coffee, pecan, stone fruit, succulent bean, and sunflower. Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. and the Interregional Research Project Number 4 (IR-4) requested these tolerances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. The tolerances are established for combined residues of thiamethoxam, 3-[(2-chloro-5-thiazolyl)methyl]tetrahydro-5-methyl-N-nitro-4H-1,3,5-oxadiazin-4-imine and its metabolite (N-(2-chloro-thiazol-5-ylmethyl)-N'-methyl-N'-nitro-guanidine), in or on imported coffee at 0.05 ppm, pecan at 0.02 ppm, stone fruit group 12 at 0.5 ppm, succulent bean at 0.02 ppm, and sunflower at 0.02 ppm.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <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 <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> not applicable
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> DOCID:fr17se03-12, <u>Federal Register</u> : 17 September 2003 (Volume 68, Number 180) Pages 54386-54394; <a href="http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2003/September/Day-17/p23822.htm">http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2003/September/Day-17/p23822.htm</a> ; (available in English)
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Not applicable
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 17 September 2003

**12. Final date for comments:** 17 November 2003

**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:**

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Note: Identify docket name "OPP-2003-0306" in subject line of your response.

**13. 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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