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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 should be provided in addition, where applicable): Products that use the fungicide Propanoic Acid such as alfalfa, barley grain, Bermuda grass, bluegrass, brome grass, clover, corn grain, cowpea hay, fescue, lespedeza, lupines, oat grain, orchard grass, peanut hay, peavine hay, rye grass, sorghum grain, soybean hay, sudan grass, timothy, vetch and wheat grain.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any U.S. trade partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Final Rule: Propanoic Acid; Pesticide Tolerance (available in English, 4 pages).
6.	Description of content: This final rule establishes an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of propanoic acid and its calcium and sodium salts on all raw agricultural commodities; changes the chemical name from propionic acid to propanoic acid; reorganizes the existing tolerance exemptions; and reorganizes the current tolerance exemptions when used as an inert ingredient.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <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: NA
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: DOCID:fr, <u>Federal Register</u> : 4 August 2004 (Volume 69, Number 149) Pages 47022-47025; http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2004/August/Day-04/p17799.htm (available in English).
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 4 August 2004
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 4 August 2004

- 12. Final date for comments:** Objections and requests for hearings must be received in or before 4 October 2004. EPA published a notice pursuant to this action in the 12 February 1997 Federal Register. No comments were received in response to the notice.

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:** Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. opp-docket@epa.gov Note: Identify docket name "OPP-2004-0283" 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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