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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Health Canada
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: Tribenuron-methyl (ICS: 65.100.20)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations (1254 – Tribenuron-methyl) (pages 3329-3332)
5.	Description of content: The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has recently approved an application to amend the registration of tribenuron-methyl in order to allow its use for the control of grassy and broadleaf weeds in flax, oats and rapeseed (canola) as a post-emergent treatment. This proposed regulatory amendment would establish an MRL for residues of tribenuron-methyl resulting from this use in flax, oats and rapeseed (canola), in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues. After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for tribenuron-methyl of 0.05 p.p.m. in oats and 0.02 p.p.m. in flax and rapeseed (canola) would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. This proposed regulatory amendment would also amend the French common name, and the English and French chemical names of tribenuron-methyl in order to comply with international nomenclature conventions.
6.	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
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: The Canadian MRLs are harmonized with the US tolerances for barley, oat and wheat. The other Canadian MRLs are established for blueberries, meat and meat byproducts. No Codex CXLs exist for the tribenuron-methyl at this time.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 1 September 2001 (available in English and French)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: not stated
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: not stated
11.	Final date for comments: 1 October 2001 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
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