

# 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>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Health Canada
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> Imidacloprid (ICS: 65.100.10)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> not stated
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Interim Marketing Authorization regarding the use of Imidacloprid on cherries (available in English and French, pages 2660-2661)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has recently approved an application to amend the registration of imidacloprid in order to allow its use for the control of western cherry fruit fly and black cherry fruit fly on sour cherries and sweet cherries. After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for imidacloprid, including its metabolites, of 3 p.p.m. in sour cherries and sweet cherries would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.  As a means to improve the responsiveness of the regulatory system, an Interim Marketing Authorization (IMA) is being issued to permit the immediate sale of sour cherries and sweet cherries with an MRL for imidacloprid of 3 p.p.m. while the regulatory process is undertaken to formally amend the Regulations. A revision to this notification will be published at the start of the amendment process and members will be given the opportunity at that time to submit comments on this proposed measure.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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
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>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Canada Gazette, Part I, 24 August 2002 (available in English and French).
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> note stated for the final regulation

<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> not stated for the final regulation
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b> This document is not for comment at this time. A comment period will be provided in a Revision of this notification. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input 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:
<b>13. Texts available from:</b> <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: The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: <a href="http://www.canada.gc.ca/gazette/part1/pdf/g1-13634.pdf">http://www.canada.gc.ca/gazette/part1/pdf/g1-13634.pdf</a>