

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>UNITED STATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
<b>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):</b> Products that use the pesticide Methoprene in or on mosaic virus-2 coat protein, zucchini yellow mosaic virus coat protein, and specific portions of the viral genetic material when used as a plant-incorporated protectant in squash.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Any US trading partners.
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Methoprene, Watermelon Mosaic Virus-2 Coat Protein, and Zucchini Yellow Mosaic Virus Coat Protein; Final Tolerance Actions, available in English, 4 pages.
<b>6. Description of content:</b> EPA is amending the text of the exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for Methoprene and is revoking all of the tolerances for residues for Methoprene because a recent EPA review finds that no harm is expected to the public from exposure to residues of Methoprene. Therefore, these tolerances are no longer needed and their associated uses are covered by tolerance exemptions. Also, EPA is revoking the exemptions for watermelon mosaic virus-2 coat protein, and zucchini yellow mosaic virus coat protein and specific portions of the viral genetic material when used as plant-incorporated protectants in squash, because these exemptions are covered in later sections of 40 CFR part 180. Because Methoprene's 35 tolerances and the 2 exemptions from the virus materials were previously reassessed, the regulatory actions taken in this document do not contribute toward the Agency's tolerance reassessment requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) section 408(q), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. By law, EPA is required by August 2006 to reassess the tolerances in existence on 2 August 1996.
<b>7. 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

<p><b>8. 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</p>
<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> DOCID: fr11jn03-20, Federal Register: 11 June 2003 (Volume 68, Number 112) Page 34825-34829; <a href="http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2003/June/Day-11/p14330.htm">http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2003/June/Day-11/p14330.htm</a>; available in English.</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 11 June 2003</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> not applicable</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> 11 August 2003  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:          Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. <a href="mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov">opp-docket@epa.gov</a>          Note: Identify docket name "OPP-2003-0159" in subject line of your response.</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</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:          Mr. Bill Janis, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1027, Washington, DC 20250.          Tel (202) 720-9047, (202) 720-0677, <a href="mailto:fstd@usda.gov">fstd@usda.gov</a></p>