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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): peppermint, spearmint, legume vegetables(succulent and dried), root vegetables (except sugar beet), radish tops, strawberries, blueberries, cranberries, lingon berries, june berries, rapeseed, Italian rapeseed, Indian mustard seed, field mustard seed, black mustard seed, flax seed, safflower seed, crambe seed and borage seed, grapes, grape juice, raisins, tuberous and corm crop, leafy vegetables (except Brassica greens crop) and stem brassica crop.
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: Thiamethoxam; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food. Number of Pages: 6
6.	Description of content: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of peppermint, spearmint, legume vegetables(succulent and dried), root vegetables (except sugar beet), radish tops, strawberries, blueberries, cranberries, lingon berries, June berries, rapeseed, Italian rapeseed, Indian mustard seed, field mustard seed, black mustard seed, flax seed, safflower seed, crambe seed and borage seed, grapes, grape juice, raisins, tuberous and corm crop, leafy vegetables (except brassica greens crop) and stem brassica crop.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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> : 2 June 2004 (Volume 69, Number 106) Pages 31110-31116; http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2004/June/Day-02/p12311.htm Available in English

10. Proposed date of adoption:
11. Proposed date of entry into force:
12. Final date for comments: 2 July 2004 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: 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-" in subject line of your response.
13. Texts available from: <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: Ms. Julie Morin, United States SPS Enquiry Point Officer, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Food Safety and Technical Services Division, Stop 1027, Washington, DC 20250. Tel: (202) 720-4051, Fax: (202) 720-7772, Email: fstd@usda.gov