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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 pesticide Carfentrazone-ethyl such as Acerola; Almond hulls; Hops; Avocado; Atemoya; Banana; Berry; Birida; Borage, seed; Cacao; Cactus; Canistel; Cherimoya; Citrus, crop group 10; Citrus cultivars and/or hybrids of grapefruit and pummelo, including Uniq fruit; Coconut; Coffee; Crambe, seed; Custard apple; Date; Feijoa ppm; Fig ppm; Fish ppm; Flax, seed; Grape ; Grapefruit; Guava; Guayule ; Herbs and spice group 19; Horseradish; Ilama ; Indian Mulberry; Jabotica; Juneberry; Kava; Kiwi fruit; Lingonberry; Lychee; Longan; Mango; Mustard seed, Indian; Mustard seed, Field; Mustard seed, Black; Okra; Olive; Palm Heart, leaves; Passionfruit; Papaya; Pawpaw; Peanut; Persimmon; Pistachio; Pome fruit, crop group 11; Pomegranate; Pulasan; Pummelo; Rambutan; Rapeseed, Indian; Rapeseed; Safflower; Salal; Sapodilla; Sapote, black; Sapote, mamey; Shellfish; Sorghum, sweet, stalks; Sorghum, sweet, syrup; Soursop; Spanish lime; Star apple; Starfruit; Stone fruit, crop group 12; Strawberry; Strawberrypear; Stevia; Sugar apple; Sugarcane; Sunflower, seed; Ti, leaves; Tea; Tree nut, crop group 14; Tuberous and corm vegetables, crop subgroup 1C; Vanilla; Vegetable, brassica, leafy, group 5; Vegetable, bulb, group 3; Vegetable, cucurbit group 9; Vegetable, foliage of legume, group 7; Vegetables, Fruiting, Group, crop group 8; Vegetable, leaves of root and tuber, group 2; Vegetable, leafy, except brassica, group 4 ; Vegetable, legume, group 6; Vegetable, root and tuber, group 1; Wasabi, roots; and Wax jambu.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any US trade partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Notice: Carfentrazone-ethyl; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food, (available in English, 5 pages).
6.	Description of content: EPA has received pesticide petitions to establish tolerances for residues of carfentrazone-ethyl (ethyl-[alpha]-2-dichloro-5-[4(difluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-3-methyl-5-oxo-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl]-4-fluorobenzene-propanoate) and the metabolite carfentrazone-ethyl chloropropionic acid ([alpha], 2-dichloro-5-[4-(difluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-3-methyl-5-oxo-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl]-4-fluorobenzenepropanoic acid) in or on the raw agricultural commodities. This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of these chemicals.
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

<p>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</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: DOCID: fr, <u>Federal Register</u>: 28 July 2004 (Volume 69, Number 144) Pages 45042-45047; http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2004/July/Day-28/p16719.htm Available in English.</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: Not available</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: Not available</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: 27 August 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: 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. opp-docket@epa.gov Note: Identify docket name "OPP-2004-0177" in subject line of your response.</p>
<p>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 & Technical Services Division, Stop 1027, Washington D.C. 20250. Tel: 202-720-4051; Fax: 202-720-7772; E-mail: fstsd@usda.gov</p>