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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection
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). Cereals, certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables and animal feedingstuffs Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: European Community (EC) and third countries exporting to the EC
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Directive amending the Annexes to Council Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues (dimethoate and oxydemeton-methyl) in and on cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables (SANCO/3865/01 rev4, 11 pages)
5.	Description of content: This draft Directive modifies EU harmonised maximum residue limits (MRLs) for 2 existing active substances: dimethoate and oxydemeton-methyl. In many cases MRLs are set at the lower limit of analytical determination. Higher MRLs were proposed when this was justified by residue trials and toxicological data showing no unacceptable risk to the consumer. Any additional residue and toxicology data from WTO Members concerning the MRLs to be changed, will be judged by experts in the EU.
6.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: CODEX maximum residue limits for some commodities exist for bentazone. Those relevant were taken into account. No CODEX values exist for pyridate.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Doc SANCO/3865/01 rev4, in all official languages of the EC.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 18 June 2002
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 August 2002

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| 11. | Final date for comments: 60 days following the date on notification
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: |
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