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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
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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Pesticides
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Phosphine: Pesticide Tolerances (11 pages)
5.	Description of content: The US Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to revise and consolidate tolerances for residues of phosphine in or on certain agricultural commodities and animal feeds. None of these proposed tolerances are new, although this change would facilitate new application methods. The Agency is merely changing the tolerance expression to eliminate references concerning how the phosphine gas is generated.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety <input type="checkbox"/> animal health <input 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
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 64 FR 30939, 9 June 1999; 40 CFR Parts 180, 185 and 186 (Available in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: The date of adoption and entry into force will be announced when the final rule is published in the Federal Register.

11. Final date for comments: 9 July 1999

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National notification authority,
☐ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of
other body: Environmental Protection Agency

Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text – which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.

12. Texts available from: ☒ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point,
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