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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 Fenhexamid in or on the agricultural commodities kiwifruit, cucumber, fruiting vegetables, leafy greens, and the stone fruit group.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any US trading partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Fenhexamid; Notice of Filing Pesticide Petitions to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food (available in English, 3 pages).
6.	Description of content: EPA has received pesticide petitions proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR 180.553 by establishing tolerances for residues of Fenhexamid, N-(2,3-dichloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methyl-cyclohexane carboxamide, in or on raw agricultural commodities as follows: 1. PP 2E6463 proposes a tolerance in or on kiwifruit (post harvest) at 15.0 parts per million (ppm). 2. PP 2E6496 proposes to establish tolerances in or on cucumber at 2.0 ppm, and vegetable, fruiting, group 8 at 2.0 ppm. 3. PP 3E6532 proposes a tolerance in or on leafy greens subgroup 4A, except spinach, at 30.0 ppm. 4. PP 3E6541 proposes a tolerance in or on fruit, stone, group 12 (post harvest) at 10 ppm. This action also proposes to further amend 40 CFR 180.553 by deleting the entry for stone fruit, except plum (fresh prune) tolerance at 6.0 ppm as a higher tolerance of 10 ppm for fruit, stone, group 12 (post harvest) is proposed herein.
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
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <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 If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: NA

<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: DOCID: fr21my03-33, <u>Federal Register</u>: 21 May 2003 (Volume 68, Number 98) Pages 27799-27802; http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2003/May/Day-21/p12485.htm; Available in English</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: : not applicable</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: not applicable</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: 20 June 2003</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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-2003-0142" 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:</p> <p>Mr. Bill Janis, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1027, Washington, DC 20250. Tel (202) 720-9047, (202) 720-0677, fstd@usda.gov</p>