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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 Dimethomorph
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: Dimethomorph; Notice of Filing Pesticide Petitions to Establish Tolerances for Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food (Available in English, 6 pages)
6.	Description of content: This document announces EPA's receipt of and seeks public comment on a petition requesting the taking of a tolerance action. Specifically, this petitioner seeks to establish tolerances for residues of dimethomorph, (E,Z)-4-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl morpholine in or on the following raw agricultural commodities: Vegetable, fruiting, group 8 at 2.0 parts per million (ppm) (2E6483), brassica, leafy, greens,(subgroup 5B), and turnip, tops at 20 ppm (PP 3E6558), taro, leaves at 6.0 ppm (3E6558), and taro, roots at 0.5 ppm (3E6558). Also the petition proposes to delete the existing tolerance for tomato, fruit at 0.5 ppm. Tomato is included in the proposed tolerance for the fruiting vegetable group 8 at 2.0 ppm. After considering public comment, EPA will either deny the petition or issue a final rule implementing its decision with regard to the tolerance action. Final tolerance actions are promulgated in 40 CFR Part 180.
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: not applicable
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: DOCID:fr20au03-48, Federal Register: 20 August 2003 (Volume 68, Number 161) Page 50138-50143; http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2003/August/Day-20/p20899.htm (Available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Not applicable

11. Proposed date of entry into force: Not applicable
12. Final date for comments: 19 September 2003 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-2003-0262" 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. Roseanne Freese, United States SPS Enquiry Point Officer, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Food Safety and Technical Services Division, Stop 1027, Washington, DC 20250. Tel: (202) 690-1642, Fax: (202) 720 7772, E-mail: fstd@fas.usda.gov