

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>UNITED STATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Environmental Protection Agency - EPA
3.	<b>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:</b> Pesticide
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Acephate, Amitraz, Carbaryl, Chlorpyrifos, Cryolite, et al.; Proposed Revocation of Tolerances (7 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) document proposes to revoke certain tolerances for residues of the pesticides acephate, amitraz, carbaryl, chlorpyrifos, cryolite, disulfoton, ethalfluralin, ethion, ethoprop, fenthion, fluvalinate, methamidophos, metribuzin, oxamyl, phorate, phosalone, phosmet, pirimiphos-methyl, profenofos, propiconazole, tetrachlorvinphos, thiram, and tribufos because these specific tolerances are either no longer needed or are associated with food uses that are no longer current or registered in the United States. The regulatory actions proposed in this document are part of the Agency's reregistration program under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the tolerance reassessment requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) section 408(q), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. By law, EPA is required by August 2002 to reassess 66 per cent of the tolerances in existence on 2 August 1996, or about 6,400 tolerances. The regulatory actions in this document pertain to the proposed revocation of 153 tolerances. Because seven tolerances were previously reassessed, 146 tolerances would be counted as reassessed. Also, EPA is announcing that six goat and sheep tolerances at 0 ppm for amitraz are considered to be reassessed. Therefore, a total of 152 tolerance reassessments would be counted among tolerance/exemption reassessments made toward the August 2002 review deadline.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Many of the pesticides in this revocation action are listed in the Codex. A comparative was not available for specific commodity MRLs/CXLs.

<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> 67 FR 18150 15 April 2001 (Available in English)
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> Comments must be received on or before 14 June 2002. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> Environmental Protection Agency [ ] <b>National notification authority,</b> [ ] <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> 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.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</b> [ X ] <b>National notification authority,</b> [ X ] <b>National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  United States SPS Enquiry Point/Notification Authority USDA/FAS/FSTSD ATTN: Carolyn F. Wilson Room 5545 South Agriculture Building Stop 1027 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250 Tel: (202) 720-2239 Fax: (202) 690-0677 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ofsts@fas.usda.gov">ofsts@fas.usda.gov</a>