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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Health Canada
3.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Acephate residues
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drugs Regulations (Schedule No. 975) (pages 2266-2268)
5.	Description of content: After the review of all available data, it is proposed to amend the Food and Drug Regulations to establish MRLs (Maximum Residue Limits) for acephate in cauliflower and peppers at 2.0 ppm; in Brussels sprouts at 1.5 ppm; in lettuce and beans at 1.0 ppm; in potatoes and cranberries at 0.5 ppm and in cabbage at 0.3 ppm. Any residues of acephate in other foods will be covered by the general limit of 0.1 ppm as specified in subsection B15.002(1) of the Food and Drug Regulations. In the Food and Drug Regulations, MRLs for metabolites of agricultural chemicals are often included in the MRL for the active ingredient. However, in this case, the major metabolite of acephate, methamidophos, is also an active ingredient and is registered under the Pest Control Products Act for use in Canada on a variety of vegetable crops. MRLs have been previously established under the Food and Drug Regulations for methamidophos in a number of foods including broccoli, Brussels sprouts, lettuce, peppers, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplants and tomatoes. Residues of methamidophos in most other foods will be covered by the general limit of 0.1 ppm. However, data indicate that it is necessary to establish an MRL for methamidophos in acephate treated beans. Therefore, it is proposed to further amend the Regulations to establish an MRL for methamidophos in beans at 0.3 ppm.

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6.	Objective and rationale: Protection of human health
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: acephate: maximum residue limits for lettuce 5.0 methamidophos: maximum residue limits for cucumbers 1.0
8.	Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 8 July 1995
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not stated
10.	Final date for comments: 21 September 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: