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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC¹, and in particular Article 14(1)(a) and Article 18(1)(b),

Whereas:

- (1) For linuron, maximum residue levels (MRLs) were set in Annex II and Part B of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.
- (2) Following an application for renewal of approval in accordance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council², the approval of active substance was not renewed by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/244³, which stipulates that all existing authorisations for plant protection products containing that active substance are to be withdrawn by 3 June 2018. It is therefore appropriate to delete the MRLs set out for this substance in Annex II and Part B of Annex III in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 in conjunction with Article 14(1)(a) thereof.
- (3) In view of the non-approval of the active substance linuron, the MRLs for this substance should be set at the limit of determination (LOD) in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. For the active substances for which all MRLs should be reduced to the relevant LOD, default values should be listed in Annex V in accordance with Article 18(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.
- (4) The Commission consulted the European Union reference laboratories as regards the need to adapt certain LODs. Those laboratories concluded that for certain commodities technical development permits the setting of lower LODs.

¹ OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1.

² Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1).

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/244 of 10 February 2017 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance linuron, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 (OJ L 36, 11.2.2017, p. 54).

- (5) Through the World Trade Organisation, the trading partners of the Union were consulted on the new MRLs and their comments have been taken into account.
- (6) Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from [Office of Publication: please insert date 6 months after entry into force].

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER