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**STATEMENTS BY CHILE IN SUPPORT OF SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS  
PREVIOUSLY RAISED BY THIRD COUNTRIES**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHILE

The following communication, received on 23 October 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Chile.

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**1 ID 382 - EUROPEAN UNION REVISED PROPOSAL FOR CATEGORIZATION OF COMPOUNDS AS ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS**

1. Chile supports the specific trade concern raised by Argentina, China, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Panama, Paraguay and the United States, in view of the potential unnecessary restrictions on the use of certain pesticides that play a significant role in agricultural production. These restrictions are the product of an incomplete approach adopted by the European Union (EU), which is solely hazard-based and fails to take into account the risks associated with the hazards concerned.

**2 ID 448 - EU MRLS FOR BUPROFEZIN, CHLOROTHALONIL, DIFLUBENZURON, ETHOXSULFURON, GLUFOSINATE, IMAZALIL, IOXYNIL, IPRODIONE, MOLINATE, PICOXYSTROBIN AND TEPRALOXIDIM ([G/SPS/N/EU/264](#))**

2. Chile wishes once again to express its support for the specific trade concern raised by Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Panama, Paraguay and the United States regarding European Union MRLs for a range of biocidal substances used in agriculture. Chile supports this concern, in particular as regards the substances buprofezin, chlorothalonil and mancozeb. Buprofezin is used to control vine and citrus mealybugs, San José scale in pome and stone fruits, and citrus whitefly. In Chile, chlorothalonil is used in the production of fruit for export, mainly for stone-fruit and berry plants, and both substances are of great importance in national agricultural production.

3. Mancozeb is a broad-spectrum fungicide targeting various pathogens. It is used in the production of fruit for export, primarily for pome fruits, such as apples and pears. It is also used in mixtures, as it is an excellent tool for managing the reduction of fungicide resistance. This product is practically the only dithiocarbamate being used in Chile and there is currently no product to replace it. The non-renewal of approval for mancozeb and any eventual steps that involve the gradual reduction of MRLs to levels below those recommended by international reference bodies could lead to complications in the control of some diseases and production losses, resulting in a negative impact on the national fruit-farming sector and trade.

4. Given that Chile is a leading exporter of apples, with over 700,000 tonnes a year and a planted area of 30,000 hectares, this measure could have a negative and unnecessary impact on trade, with major implications for our domestic producers.

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