

**NOTIFICATION**

Addendum

The following communication, received on 22 July 2008, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

Transitioning the Legal Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides From the Food and Drugs Act to the Pest Control Products Act: Establishment of MRLs

As a means to improve the responsiveness of the regulatory system, an Interim Marketing Authorization (IMA) was issued on 18 October 2003 (G/SPS/N/CAN/189) to permit the immediate use of propiconazole on blackberries, loganberries and raspberries, while the regulatory process to formally amend the Regulations was undertaken. Members were informed that a Revision to the notification would be published at the start of the amendment process at which time a comment period would be provided.

However, the process by which MRLs are legally established in Canada was subsequently modified to allow pesticide MRLs to be legally established under the *Pest Control Products Act* (PCPA) without their having to be adopted by regulation under the *Food and Drugs Act* (FDA) after consultation through the *Canada Gazette*. In anticipation of this revised process, consultations were continued via Proposed MRL documents published by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) with the WTO notification process remaining unchanged.

On 20 December 2006, the PMRA released the document entitled *Transitioning the Legal Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides from the Food and Drugs Act to the Pest Control Products Act: Consultation on Proposed MRLs* (G/SPS/N/CAN/276). The objective of this document was to consult on the MRLs that had been proposed by the PMRA prior to the PCPA coming into force on 28 June 2006 but had not yet been prepublished for comment in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I.

With the coming into effect of Bill C-28 on 16 June 2008, amending the FDA to allow pesticide MRLs to be legally established under the PCPA, the PMRA published on 9 July 2008 a corresponding established MRL document entitled *Transitioning the Legal Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides From the Food and Drugs Act to the Pest Control Products Act: Establishment of MRLs* (EMRL2008-02). This document established MRLs for, *inter alia*, the pesticide chemical in or on the food commodities notified under G/SPS/N/CAN/189.

Members are requested to consult EMRL2008-02 (G/SPS/N/CAN/276/Add.1) for the established MRLs notified under G/SPS/N/CAN/189.

The full text of EMRL2008-02 (adopted measure) can be downloaded from the Internet addresses indicated below:

<http://www.pmra-arla.gc.ca/english/pdf/emrl/emrl2008-02-eng.pdf> (English)

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