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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency - EPA
3. 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: Pesticides
4. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food - Hexythiazox (4 pages)
5. Description of content: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities. EPA has received pesticide petitions proposing, pursuant to section 408(d) of the FFDCFA, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR part 180 by establishing tolerances for residues of the miticide, hexythiazox, trans-5- (4-chlorophenyl)-N-cyclohexyl -4-methyl-2-oxothiazolidine-3-carboxamide and its metabolites containing the (4-chlorophenyl-4-methyl-2-oxo-3-thiazolidine moiety expressed as parts per million (ppm) of the parent compound in or on the following raw agricultural commodities (RAC) at the tolerance levels listed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- proposes the establishment of a tolerance for mint at 2.0 ppm;- proposes the establishment of a tolerance for the caneberry subgroup at 1.0 ppm. EPA has determined that the petitions contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2) of the FFDCFA; however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data support granting of the petitions. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on these petitions.
6. Objective and rationale: <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. An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: Codex has established hexythiazox MRLs for 12 commodities, not including mint.
8. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 65 FR 82349, 28 December 2000 (Available in English)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.
11.	Final date for comments: 29 January 2001 Agency or authority designated to handle comments Environmental Protection Agency <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: 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.
12.	Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: 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 Phone: (202) 720-2239 Fax: (202) 690-0677 E-mail: ofsts@fas.usda.gov