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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Pork and pork commodities
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposal: M1012 Amendments to Standard 1.4.2 <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 13
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Proposal seeks to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to consider introducing certain temporary maximum residue limits (MRLs) for residues of agricultural and veterinary chemicals that may occur in food, in order to align standards with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) temporary MRLs for coumatetralyl and warfarin in pork commodities. The document includes a summary of the scientific risk assessment and risk assessment methodology.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– CAC/MRL 1 Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides 2009;</li><li>– CAC/MRL 2 Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs in Food 2011;</li><li>– CAC/MRL 3 Extraneous Maximum Residue Limits (EMRLs) 2001; and</li><li>– subsequent variations to relevant standards as adopted or revoked by the Commission</li></ul> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

<p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> Proposed limits conform to the APVMA s temporary limits for coumatetralyl and warfarin in pork commodities. MRLs for coumatetralyl and warfarin are not specifically established by other regulatory authorities, however some international pesticide databases list default MRLs that apply to any chemical/food combination, including coumatetralyl and warfarin.</p> <p>The scientific methodology used by Australia to establish MRLs is consistent with international best practice. Countries set MRLs according to the good agricultural practice (GAP) or good veterinary practice (GVP) applicable to their region.</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> FSANZ Board approval anticipated August 2015.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Notification to Government anticipated August 2015 with gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument to follow in October 2015, pending Government consideration.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Date of Gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument pending Government consideration (see 10. above).</p> <p><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b> The Proposal includes measures to address certain anomalies between the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code and Codex or trading partner standards. This should assist in the facilitation of trade for certain food products. Refer section 1.2.1 and Attachment A of the assessment summary.</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 24 July 2015</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Food Standards Australia New Zealand P.O. Box 7186 Canberra BC ACT 2610 Australia E-mail: standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Documents are available from the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: <a href="http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/M1012-MRLs.aspx">http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/M1012-MRLs.aspx</a></p> <p>Copies are also available from: The Australian SPS Notification Point GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia E-mail: sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</p>