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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: CANADA If applicable, name of local government involved:																
2.	Agency responsible: Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), Health Canada																
3.	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): Pesticide thiamethoxam in or on various fruits and vegetables (ICS Codes: 65.020, 65.100, 67.080)																
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:																
5.	Title of the notified document: Proposed Maximum Residue Limit: Thiamethoxam (PMRL2013-112) Language(s): English and French Number of pages: 8																
6.	Description of content: The objective of the notified document PMRL2013-112 is to consult on the listed domestic maximum residue limits (MRLs) for thiamethoxam that have been proposed by the Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>MRL (ppm)</th><th>Raw Agricultural Commodity (RAC) and/or Processed Commodity</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0.8</td><td>Cassava leaves, tanier leaves, taro leaves</td></tr><tr><td>0.6¹</td><td>Bell Peppers</td></tr><tr><td>0.5²</td><td>Caneberry Subgroup (Crop Subgroup 13-07A)</td></tr><tr><td>0.5</td><td>Black cherries, capulins, chokecherries, Nanking cherries</td></tr><tr><td>0.3</td><td>Cranberries</td></tr><tr><td>0.25</td><td>African eggplants, bush tomatoes, coconas, currant tomatoes, garden huckleberries, Goji berries, martynias, naranjillas, okras, pea eggplants, roselles, Scarlett eggplants, sunberries, tree tomatoes</td></tr><tr><td>0.02</td><td>Arracacha, arrowroot, Chinese artichokes, Jerusalem artichokes, edible canna, cassava roots, chayote roots, chufa, taro corms, ginger roots, lerens, sweet potato roots, tanier corms, turmeric roots, yam bean roots, true yam tubers</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>ppm = parts per million</p> <p>¹ Proposed to replace the established MRL of 0.25 ppm for residues of thiamethoxam in/on bell peppers.</p> <p>² The MRL for the Caneberry Subgroup is proposed to replace the currently established 0.35 ppm MRL for crops in this subgroup.</p> <p>MRLs are proposed for each commodity included in the listed crop groupings in accordance with the <i>Residue Chemistry Crop Groups</i> webpage http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/protect-proteger/food-nourriture/rccg-gcpcr-eng.php in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.</p>	MRL (ppm)	Raw Agricultural Commodity (RAC) and/or Processed Commodity	0.8	Cassava leaves, tanier leaves, taro leaves	0.6 ¹	Bell Peppers	0.5 ²	Caneberry Subgroup (Crop Subgroup 13-07A)	0.5	Black cherries, capulins, chokecherries, Nanking cherries	0.3	Cranberries	0.25	African eggplants, bush tomatoes, coconas, currant tomatoes, garden huckleberries, Goji berries, martynias, naranjillas, okras, pea eggplants, roselles, Scarlett eggplants, sunberries, tree tomatoes	0.02	Arracacha, arrowroot, Chinese artichokes, Jerusalem artichokes, edible canna, cassava roots, chayote roots, chufa, taro corms, ginger roots, lerens, sweet potato roots, tanier corms, turmeric roots, yam bean roots, true yam tubers
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7.	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.																								
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The table below compares the MRLs proposed for thiamethoxam in Canada with corresponding established Codex MRLs.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 5px;"><u>Food Commodity</u></th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><u>Canadian MRL</u> (ppm)</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><u>Codex MRL</u> (ppm)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Cassava leaves, taniar Leaves, taro leaves</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.8</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Not established</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Bell peppers</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.6</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.7 (Fruiting vegetables other than cucurbits)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Caneberry Subgroup (Crop Subgroup 13-07A)</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.5</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.5 (Berries and other small fruits)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Black cherries, capulins, chokecherries, Nanking Cherries</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.5</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1 (Stone Fruits)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">African eggplants, bush tomatoes, coconas, current tomatoes, garden huckleberries, Goji berries, martynias, naranjillas, okras, pea eggplants, roselles, Scarlett eggplants, sunberries, tree tomatoes</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.25</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.7 (Fruiting vegetables other than cucurbits)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Cranberries</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.3</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.5 (Berries and other small fruits)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Arracacha, arrowroot, Chinese artichokes, Jerusalem Artichokes, edible canna, cassava roots, chayote roots, chufa, taro corms, ginger roots, Lerens, Sweet Potato Roots, Tanier corms, turmeric roots, yam bean roots, true yam tubers</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.02</td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">0.3 (Root and tuber vegetables)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Food Commodity</u>	<u>Canadian MRL</u> (ppm)	<u>Codex MRL</u> (ppm)	Cassava leaves, taniar Leaves, taro leaves	0.8	Not established	Bell peppers	0.6	0.7 (Fruiting vegetables other than cucurbits)	Caneberry Subgroup (Crop Subgroup 13-07A)	0.5	0.5 (Berries and other small fruits)	Black cherries, capulins, chokecherries, Nanking Cherries	0.5	1 (Stone Fruits)	African eggplants, bush tomatoes, coconas, current tomatoes, garden huckleberries, Goji berries, martynias, naranjillas, okras, pea eggplants, roselles, Scarlett eggplants, sunberries, tree tomatoes	0.25	0.7 (Fruiting vegetables other than cucurbits)	Cranberries	0.3	0.5 (Berries and other small fruits)	Arracacha, arrowroot, Chinese artichokes, Jerusalem Artichokes, edible canna, cassava roots, chayote roots, chufa, taro corms, ginger roots, Lerens, Sweet Potato Roots, Tanier corms, turmeric roots, yam bean roots, true yam tubers	0.02	0.3 (Root and tuber vegetables)
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10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Normally within four to five months from the posting of the Proposed MRL document on the Health Canada website.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>																								

11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): On the date the measure is adopted. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 25 February 2014 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/consultations/_pmrl2013-112/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/consultations/_pmrl2013-112/index-fra.php (French)