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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** <u>CANADA</u> **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 spinosad in or on various vegetables (ICS Codes: 65.020, 65.100, 67.080)
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Proposed Maximum Residue Limit: Spinosad (PMRL2014-37) **Language(s):** English and French **Number of pages:** 7
6.	**Description of content:** The objective of the notified document PMRL2014-37 is to consult on the listed domestic maximum residue limits (MRLs) for spinosad that have been proposed by the Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). <u>MRL (ppm)</u> <u>Raw Agricultural Commodity (RAC) and/or Processed Commodity</u> 25 Leaf lettuce[a] 0.1 Bulb Onion Subgroup (Crop Subgroup 3-07A) 0.1 Green Onion Subgroup (Crop Subgroup 3-07B) 0.02 Asparagus ppm = parts per million [a] The MRL is proposed to replace the currently established 7.0 ppm MRL for leaf lettuce due to the addition of greenhouse lettuce production to the registered use pattern. The 7.0 ppm MRL established for head lettuce remains in effect. MRLs are proposed for each commodity included in the listed crop groupings in accordance with the *Residue Chemistry Crop Groups* webpage in (http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/protect-proteger/food-nourriture/rccg-gcpcr-eng.php) the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.**
8.	**Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:** **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission** *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)* **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)** *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*

[ ]	**International Plant Protection Convention** *(e.g. ISPM number)*
[ ]	**None**
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [ ] Yes [X] No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Table 2 of the PMRL document compares the MRLs proposed for spinosad in Canada with corresponding Codex MRLs.
9.	**Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Health Canada website: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/consultations/index-eng.php, PMRL2014-37, posted: 25 June 2014 (available in English and French)
10.	**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.
	Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)***:**
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or** *(dd/mm/yy)***:** On the date the measure is adopted.
	[ ] Trade facilitating measure
12.	**Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or** *(dd/mm/yy)***:** 8 September 2014
	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	**Texts available from: [ ] 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/_pmrl2014-37/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/consultations/_pmrl2014-37/index-fra.php (French)