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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- Notifying Member: CHINA
 If applicable, name of local government involved:

 Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) of the People's Republic of China
- 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): Foods
- 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: National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods. Language(s): Chinese. Number of pages: 8

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CHN/16 4388 00 x.pdf

- **6. Description of content:** This standard establishes 233 maximum residue limits (MRLs) for 99 pesticides, including 2, 4-D-dimethylammonium, etc. in foods.
- 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): CAC/MRL Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides
 - [] 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: Some proposed limits may differ from Codex maximum residue limits.

The scientific methodology used to establish MRLs is consistent with international practice. Members set MRLs according to the good agricultural practice (GAP) applicable to their respective conditions. Since pesticide use patterns differ between different production regions and Members as pests and environmental factors vary, Chinese MRLs for pesticides in food may differ from Codex standards.

- Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
 Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
 Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
 [] Trade facilitating measure
 - 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 December 2016
 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. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: