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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>CHINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)
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> Food
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> National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CHN/14_5007_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CHN/14_5007_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This regulation establishes 223 maximum residue limits (MRLs) for 35 pesticides, including chlorothalonil, etc. in foods.
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> CAC/MRL 1 Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides. <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 <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> Certain proposed limits may differ from Codex maximum residue limits. The scientific methodology used by China to establish MRLs is consistent with international practice. Countries set MRLs according to the good agricultural practice (GAP) applicable to their region. Since pesticide use patterns differ between different production regions and countries, and pests, diseases and environmental factors vary too, Chinese MRLs for pesticides in food may differ from Codex standards.

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 January 2015 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: