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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 28 February 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the <u>European Union</u>.

Maximum residue levels (MRLs) for tebuconazole in or on certain products

The legislative proposal notified in G/SPS/N/EU/10 (21 March 2012) has been adopted as "Commission Regulation (EU) No 61/2014 of 24 January 2014 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cyromazine, fenpropidin, formetanate, oxamyl and tebuconazole in or on certain products". (Text with EEA relevance) [OJ L 22/1, 25 January 2014, pp. 1-32]. The Regulation entered into force on 14 February 2014.

For tebuconazole in fresh beans and peas with pods and in fresh beans without pods, the EU's initial proposal was to reduce the MRLs to the limit of determination (0.02 mg/kg), due to the paucity of data available for these crops. This intention was notified under the SPS Agreement in notice G/SPS/N/EU/10. Taking into account the comments of WTO Members to this notification, and the commitment of a certain third country to submit additional data to support the appropriate use of pesticides on these products, and as there is no acute risk for consumers, the European Union revised its proposal and decided to maintain the current MRLs (2 mg/kg). A future review of the MRLs will take into account information identified as missing by the European Food Safety Authority, if it is submitted by 25 January 2016, or, if that information is not submitted by that date, the lack of it.

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