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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** European Commission, Health and Consumers Directorate-General
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):** Cereals (HS Codes: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origin (HS Codes: 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables.
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:** Annexes to "Draft Regulation amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1-methylcyclopropene, flonicamid, flutriafol, indolylacetic acid, indolylbutyric acid, pethoxamid, pirimicarb, prothioconazole and teflubenzuron in or on certain products." **Language(s):** English **Number of pages:** 5+79 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/EEC/14_5100_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/EEC/14_5100_01_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** These notified annexes to the draft Regulation set proposed maximum residue levels (MRLs) for 1-methylcyclopropene, flonicamid, flutriafol, indolylacetic acid, indolylbutyric acid, pethoxamid, pirimicarb, prothioconazole and teflubenzuron. MRLs for these substances in certain commodities are changed: either increased or lowered. Lower MRLs are set after updating the limit of determinations and/or deleting old uses which are not authorized any more in the European Union or for which a human health concern may not be excluded.
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)* Codex Maximum Residue Limits for the following pesticides: 1-methylcyclopropene, flonicamid, flutriafol, indolylacetic acid, indolylbutyric acid, pethoxamid, pirimicarb, prothioconazole and teflubenzuron.

[ ] 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?
[X] Yes [ ] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2014. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for 1-methylcyclopropene according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2014; 12(7):3746, 23 pp.
- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2014. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for flonicamid according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2014; 12(6):3740, 4- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2014. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for flutriafol according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2014; 12(5):3787, 64 pp.
- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2014. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for indolylacetic acid according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2014; 12(7):3747, 8 pp.
- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2014. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for indolylbutyric acid according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2014; 12(7):3748, 8 pp.
- Commission Decision 2008/941/EC of 8 December 2008 concerning the non-inclusion of certain active substances in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC and the withdrawal of authorisations for plant protection products containing these substances. OJ L 335, 13.12.2008, p. 91-93.
- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2014. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pethoxamid according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2014; 12(7):3749, 32 pp.
- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2014. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pirimicarb according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2014; 12(5):3688, 107 pp.
- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2014. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for prothioconazole according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2014; 12(5):3689, 72 pp.
- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), 2014. Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for teflubenzuron according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2014; 12(4):3664, 39 pp.

10. Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*: March 2015

Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*: April 2015

11. **Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:**

[ ] Trade facilitating measure

12. **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 13 January 2015. Comments are welcomed only to MRLs that were changed (in bold in a document linked under point 5 of this notification).

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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13. **Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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