GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (172)

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2, 2.6.1, 7.3.2, 7.4.1, Other: Not applicable

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Pesticide chemicals

5. Title: Tolerance and exemptions from tolerances for pesticide chemicals in or on raw agricultural commodities, policy statement on revocation of tolerances for cancelled pesticides.

6. Description of content: This notice sets forth a policy regarding the revocation of formal tolerances for cancelled pesticides and, where necessary, the establishment of action levels for these pesticides. The purpose of this policy is to provide a mechanism for establishing action levels in place of formal tolerances for persistent pesticides which may be cancelled in the future, as well as a mechanism for replacing formal tolerances with action levels for residues of certain persistent pesticides which were subject to past EPA cancellation actions. Each action on a pesticide chemical will be notified separately through the GATT secretariat and will have a comment period of sixty days.

7. Objective and rationale: To revoke tolerances on cancelled pesticides.


9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not applicable

10. Final date for comments: Not applicable

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point or address of other body: