NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Environmental Protection Agency |
| **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):** Rice, grain |
| **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:** Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions. Final Rule.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 6  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-10-07/html/2019-21540.htm> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This regulation establishes a time-limited tolerance for residues of clothianidin in or on rice, grain. This action is in response to EPA's granting of an emergency exemption under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) authorizing use of thiamethoxam on rice. Emergency use of thiamethoxam on rice results in potential clothianidin (a major metabolite of thiamethoxam) residues that when combined with the residues from legal use of clothianidin on rice, require an increase in the tolerance for residues of clothianidin in rice. Although there is an existing regulation establishing a maximum permissible level for residues of clothianidin in or on rice, grain at 0.01 ppm, this rule would establish a new, time-limited maximum permissible level at 0.5 ppm for clothianidin in or on rice, grain. The time-limited tolerance expires on 31 December 2024. This action is also associated with the utilization of a crisis exemption under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) authorizing use of thiamethoxam on rice. |
| **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)*:** CXS 198-1995 - Standard for Rice  **[ ]****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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 7 October 2019  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 7 October 2019 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 7 October 2019  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Michael L. Goodis, P.E., Director, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; Main telephone number: +(703) 305 7090; E-mail: RDFRNotices@epa.gov |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-10-07/html/2019-21540.htm> |