

SPS/TBT Notifications Affecting Agricultural Trade

Listed below are proposed changes in international agricultural, food and related standards as notified via the World Trade Organization. The first table provides a summary of all notifications; individual details follow separately. Interested parties may obtain a full text of any notification for review and COMMENT. Simply check the "Request a Copy" check box next to the Notification and return by fax (202) 690-0677 to the attention of Deborah A. Thompson, Food Safety and Technical Services Division in USDA/FAS.

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FSTSD # 02.0184.A1 **Country -** Canada **Product** Pesticide: Imazethapyr
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/128/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has recently approved an application to amend the registration of imazethapyr in order to allow its use for the control of annual grasses and broadleaf weeds in beans as a pre-plant incorporated treatment. This regulatory amendment will establish a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for residues of imazethapyr resulting from this use in beans (kidney beans, lima beans, navy beans, pinto beans, runner beans, snap beans, tepary beans and wax beans), in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for imazethapyr of 0.1 p.p.m. in beans would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. This new MRL harmonizes with that established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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FSTSD # 02.0185.A1 **Country -** Canada **Product** Pesticide: Fludioxonil
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/129/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: This regulatory amendment will establish a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for residues of fludioxonil in imported apricots, peaches/nectarines and plums, in order to permit the import and sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for fludioxonil of 2 p.p.m. in apricots, peaches/nectarines and plums would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. This new MRL harmonizes with that established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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FSTSD # 02.0237.A1 **Country -** Canada **Product** Pesticide: Sethoxydim
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/136/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: Under authority of the Pest Control Products Act, Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has approved an application to amend the registration of sethoxydim in order to allow its use for the control of grasses in asparagus, blueberries, carrots, flax, peppers, pumpkins, raspberries, strawberries, sunflowers and turnips as a post-emergent treatment. This regulatory amendment will establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for residues of sethoxydim and its metabolites resulting from these uses in asparagus, blueberries, carrots, flax, peppers, pumpkins, raspberries, strawberries, sunflowers and turnips, establish an MRL for mustard, and increase the MRLs for cranberries and lentils, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for sethoxydim, including its metabolites, of 30 p.p.m in lentils, 10 p.p.m in strawberries, 7 p.p.m in sunflowers, 5 p.p.m in raspberries, 4 p.p.m in blueberries, 2 p.p.m in cranberries and mustard, 1 p.p.m in pumpkins, 0.5 p.p.m in asparagus and peppers, 0.2 p.p.m in flax and turnips, and 0.1 p.p.m in carrots would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. This regulatory amendment will also amend the chemical name of sethoxydim in order to comply with international nomenclature conventions.

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FSTSD # 02.0238.A1 **Country -** Canada **Product** Pesticide: Tebufenozide
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/137/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: Under authority of the Pest Control Products Act, Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has recently approved an application to amend the registration of tebufenozide in order to allow its use for the control of blackheaded fireworm, cutworms, and fruitworm on cranberries, the control of Looper on lettuce and tomatoes, and the control of codling moth, oblique-banded leafroller and three-lined leafroller on pears. This regulatory amendment will establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for residues of tebufenozide resulting from this use in cranberries, dried cranberries, lettuce, pears and tomatoes, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for tebufenozide of 6 p.p.m in lettuce, 5 p.p.m in dried cranberries, 2 p.p.m in tomatoes and 1 p.p.m in cranberries and pears would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

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Product Pesticide: Tebufenozide

FSTSD # 02.0239.A1 Country - Canada

Product Pesticide: Propiconazole

Comment Deadline Date -

Enforcement Date -

WTO Type/Number - SPS CAN/138/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: Under authority of the Pest Control Products Act, Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has recently approved an application to amend the registration of propiconazole in order to allow its use for the control of mummyberry on blueberries and for the control of rust on asparagus. This regulatory amendment will establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for residues of propiconazole and its metabolites resulting from these uses in blueberries and asparagus, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for propiconazole, and its metabolites, of 0.15 p.p.m in dried blueberries, 0.1 p.p.m in asparagus, and 0.02 p.p.m in blueberries would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

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FSTSD # 02.0240.A1 Country - Canada

Product Pesticide: Sulfosulfuron

Comment Deadline Date -

Enforcement Date -

WTO Type/Number - SPS CAN/139/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: Under authority of the Pest Control Products Act, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has approved an application for the registration of the pest control product (pesticide) sulfosulfuron as a herbicide for the control of a variety of grassy and broadleaf weeds in wheat as a post-emergent treatment. This regulatory amendment will establish a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) under the Food and Drugs Act for residues of sulfosulfuron and its metabolites resulting from this use in wheat, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for sulfosulfuron, including its metabolites, of 0.02 parts per million (p.p.m) in wheat would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. This new MRL harmonizes with the one established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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FSTSD # 02.0241.A1 **Country** - Canada **Product** Pesticide: Florasulam
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS CAN/140/A
Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: Under authority of the Pest Control Products Act, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has approved an application for the registration of the pest control product (pesticide) florasulam as a herbicide for the control of broadleaf weeds in barley, oats and wheat as a post-emergent treatment. This regulatory amendment will establish a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) under the Food and Drugs Act for residues of florasulam resulting from this use in barley, oats and wheat, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for florasulam of 0.01 parts per million (p.p.m) in barley, oats and wheat would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

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FSTSD # 02.0443 **Country** - Panama **Product** Meat of Bovine Animals, Carcasses or Debo
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 05/20/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS PAN/39
Objective - Food Safety, Animal Health, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease
Description - This Resolution regulates the classification of bovine meat in Panama and from abroad.

FSTSD # 02.0444 **Country** - Panama **Product** Flour and Meal
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 3/2/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS PAN/40
Objective - Food Safety, Animal Health, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease
Description - This Resolution requires firms which import flour and meal to submit a certificate issued by the health authority of the country of origin and duly authenticated in accordance with the rules concerning foreign documents stating that the product in question does not contain potassium bromate.

FSTSD # 02.0445 **Country** - Argentina **Product** Goods of Agricultural Origin
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 10/04/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS ARG/70
Objective - Animal Health
Description - In the face of a suspected outbreak of vesicular disease in the Republic of Paraguay, a state of health emergency has been declared in the provinces of Salta, Formosa, Chaco, Corrientes and Misiones, and special control and prevention measures to prevent the entry by any means into the Argentine Republic of agents capable of transmitting exotic or high-risk vesicular diseases have been adopted in the border areas of Argentina. Imports of the products mentioned in point 3 above have been temporarily suspended.

FSTSD # 02.0445 Country - Argentina Product Goods of Agricultural Origin

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action:
In view of the above situation, the Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Centre (PANAFTOSA) has been asked to coordinate a technical audit by the health services of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Federative Republic of Brazil, Republic of Paraguay and Argentine Republic of establishments involved in suspected cases of vesicular disease. This audit has not been conducted to date and the joint health activities required within the framework of the Hemispheric Foot-and-Mouth Disease Eradication Plan are being hindered.

FSTSD # 02.0446 Country - Cuba Product Plant Quarantine

Comment Deadline Date - Enforcement Date - WTO Type/Number - SPS CUB/2

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - This Resolution implements the list of plant quarantine objects of the Republic of Cuba:

Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage
Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers
Edible fruits and nuts; peel of fresh citrus fruits or melons
Coffee, tea, maté and spices
Cereals
Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten
Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seed and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder
Vegetable plaiting materials and vegetable products
Cocoa and cocoa preparations
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder
Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes

FSTSD # 02.0447 Country - Cuba Product Import of Materials Subject to Quarantine

Comment Deadline Date - Enforcement Date - WTO Type/Number - SPS CUB/3

Objective - Plant Protection, Protect Territory from Other Damage from Pests

Description - This Resolution regulates the import of materials subject to quarantine into the Republic of Cuba.

FSTSD # 02.0448 Country - Cuba Product Ruminant Blood, Bone and Offal Meal

Comment Deadline Date - Enforcement Date - WTO Type/Number - SPS CUB/4

Objective - Animal Health

Description - The Institute of Veterinary Medicine of the Ministry of Agriculture hereby establishes a total ban on the import into the national territory of all foodstuffs for animal consumption which contain meal of animal blood, meat, fat or offal, with the exception of formulations made from meal of poultry blood, meat, bone, fat or offal and fish meal.

FSTSD # 02.0449 Country - Cuba Product Ban on the Import into the National Territory

Comment Deadline Date - Enforcement Date - WTO Type/Number - SPS CUB/5

Objective - Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

Description - The Institute of Veterinary Medicine of the Ministry of Agriculture hereby establishes a total ban on the import into the national territory of bovine meat (fresh, chilled or frozen), preserved and semi-preserved meat, pasta and precooked food for human consumption which contains ingredients from bovine species, the country of origin of which is affected by or exposed to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).

FSTSD # 02.0450 Country - Cuba Product Exotic Ovine, Caprine and Ruminant Speci

Comment Deadline Date - Enforcement Date - WTO Type/Number - SPS CUB/6

Objective - Animal Health

FSTSD # 02.0450 **Country -** Cuba **Product** Exotic Ovine, Caprine and Ruminant Speci
Description - The Institute of Veterinary Medicine of the Ministry of Agriculture hereby establishes that imports into Cuba of exotic ovine, caprine and ruminant species are authorized from countries free from sheep scrapie, preferably disease-free countries or disease-free areas of affected countries, in accordance with the established health and veterinary requirements, which include inspection and approval in the country of origin by a Cuban veterinarian appointed by the Directorate-General of the Institute of Veterinary Medicine of the pedigree and offspring of animals for export to the Republic of Cuba.

FSTSD # 02.0451 **Country -** Philippines **Product** Domestic and Wild Birds and their Products
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 10/18/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS PHL/45
Objective - Animal Health
Description - The US Department of Agriculture, based on a report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last 3 October 2002, has confirmed an outbreak of Newcastle Disease (ND) in California, USA. The Philippines imports poultry and poultry products from the USA. There is a need to prevent the entry of virulent Newcastle disease virus to protect the health of the local poultry industry.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Restrictions imposed on the importation of domestic and wild birds, their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen to prevent the entry and spread of Newcastle disease in the country.

FSTSD # 02.0452 **Country -** New Zealand **Product** Corn (maize)
Comment Deadline Date - 1/20/2003 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS NZL/187
Objective - Food Safety
Description - FSANZ has received an application to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to approve food derived from a corn line 1507 genetically modified to produce a Bt protein (CRY1F) that confers protection against attack by certain lepidopteran insect pests, and a PAT protein for tolerance to glufosinate-ammonium herbicide.

Foods produced using gene technology are required to undergo a pre-market assessment of their safety, to ensure that they are as safe as their conventional counterparts.

All applications to change the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, must be assessed in the context of the following objectives: (a) the protection of public health and safety; (b) the provision of adequate information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices; and (c) the prevention of misleading or deceptive conduct.

If application A446 is approved the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code will be amended to permit foods derived from corn line 1507 genetically modified to produce a Bt protein (CRY1F).

FSTSD # 02.0453 **Country -** Taiwan,Penghu, Ki **Product** Soy Sauce and related Condiments
Comment Deadline Date - 12/31/2003 **Enforcement Date -** 01/01/03 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS TPKM/12
Objective - Food Safety
Description - Amending the limit of 3-monochloro-1, 2-propanediol in soy suace to 0.1ppm.

FSTSD # 02.0454 **Country -** Taiwan,Penghu, Ki **Product** Nutritional Additives...
Comment Deadline Date - 12/20/2002 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS TPKM/13
Objective - Food Safety
Description - 1. The upper limits of these nutritional additives: vitamin A, B1, B2, B6, B12, C, D, E, niacin, folic acid, compounds containing calcium, iron, iodine in foods are regulated as 150 per cent of the recommended daily nutrient allowances (RDNA). General foods are calculated on basis of the RDNA for 16-year-old male, and infant (supplementary) foods are calculated on

FSTSD # 02.0454 **Country** - Taiwan,Penghu, Ki **Product** Nutritional Additives...
basis of the RDNA for one-year-old infant.

2. The RDNAs in the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu have been reviewed and revised as "Dietary Reference Intakes, DRIs" on 15 October 2002. The application standards of these nutritional additives are accommodately amended. Considering the convenience for reading, the actual upper limits calculated from the data of DRIs are listed explicitly to replace the original description.

3. The Application standards for other specific foods, such as those foods in capsule or tablet form, and edible salts, are not amended.

The following nutritional additives:

FSTSD # 02.0455 **Country** - Japan **Product** Food...

Comment Deadline Date - 1/15/2003 **Enforcement Date** - 2003 fiscal **WTO Type/Number** - SPS JPN/88

Objective - Food Safety, Animal Health, Plant Protection, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

Description - Enactment of the new legislation for food safety:

The Food Safety Basic Law (tentative name) will be enacted as a law to ensure food safety comprehensively aiming at consumer protection as its basis. Necessary revisions will be discussed and made of related laws concerning food safety according to the Food Safety Basic Law.

FSTSD # 02.0456 **Country** - Jordan **Product** The Import of Cattle and Cattle Products

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - Immediate **WTO Type/Number** - SPS JOR/2

Objective - Food Safety, Animal Health, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

Description - Following the confirmation of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in Poland, the Ministry of Agriculture has imposed a ban on live cattle, cattle meat (chilled, frozen), meat products, bovine gelatine, bovine fat, meat and bone meal, animal feed concentrates containing previous products and semen.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) to date has not been registered in Jordan and is therefore classified as an exotic disease in the national territory.

FSTSD # 02.0457 **Country** - New Zealand **Product** Solanum Tuberosum Plants in Tissue Cultu

Comment Deadline Date - 12/10/2002 **Enforcement Date** - 12/16/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS NZL/188

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - The import requirements for Solanum tuberosum stipulates the requirements for the importation of Solanum tuberosum plants in tissue culture into New Zealand.

This includes the pre-import requirements, documentation, phytosanitary certification requirements, additional declarations to the phytosanitary certificate, inspection and testing requirements and post-entry quarantine.

As these are trade-facilitating measures the import health standard has been adopted. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.

FSTSD # 02.0458 **Country** - New Zealand **Product** Dairy products for Human Consumption

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Comment Deadline Date - 12/17/2002 **Enforcement Date -** 10/18/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS NZL/189

Objective - Animal Health

Description - This import health standard allows for the importation of dairy products for human consumption from Israel. These products are eligible for entry to New Zealand provided they are accompanied by zoosanitary certification attesting to the following:

(a) The products are derived from a country that has been free from foot and mouth disease for at least the 12 months immediately prior to manufacture and export of the products.

As these are trade-facilitating measures the import health standard has been adopted. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.

FSTSD # 02.0459 **Country -** Japan **Product** Agricultural Chemicals
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS JPN/87

Objective - Food Safety

Description - Under the existing law, importers and manufacturers of agricultural chemicals are required to register agricultural chemicals with the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries before they sell those chemicals to Japan. After the amendment, in order to prevent distribution of un-registered agricultural chemicals, importers will be required to register the agriculture chemicals before they import them.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Distribution of un-registered agricultural chemicals for agricultural products has been found widely. It is necessary to take measures urgently to protect public health from the said food-related risks.

FSTSD # 02.0155 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Foods containing Trans Fatty Acids; Nutritio
Comment Deadline Date - 12/15/2002 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** TBT USA/28

Objective - FDA is reopening the comment period for a period of 30 days for a proposed rule published in the Federal Register of November 17, 1999 (64 FR 62746), in which FDA proposed to amend its regulations on nutrition labelling to include the amount of trans fatty acids present in a food in the amount and percent Daily Value declared for saturated fat. Several new scientific reports that address trans fats and their impact on health have been released since publication of the proposed rule. In the absence of a basis to establish a Daily Value for trans fat, FDA is proposing to require a footnote that states "Intake of trans fat should be as low as possible," a statement taken from one of the recent reports. The proposal also states that FDA will exercise enforcement discretion for manufacturers who want to begin labelling trans fat as long as the footnote statement is also included. FDA is asking for comments on the proposed footnote only.

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Proposed date of adoption: This proposal has a 30-day comment period.

Proposed date of entry into force: The effective date will be discussed in the final rule which

FSTSD # 02.0155 **Country** - United States of A **Product** Foods containing Trans Fatty Acids; Nutritio
will be published in early 2003.

FSTSD # 02.0156 **Country** - Finland **Product** Propagation and Planting Material of Fruit a
Comment Deadline Date - 2/6/2003 **Enforcement Date** - 04/01/03 **WTO Type/Number** - TBT FIN/8

Objective - The aim of the draft Decree is to ensure the availability and maintenance of high quality and climatically adapted propagating and planting material of certain fruit and ornamental plant species.

Description - A voluntary certification scheme for producers of fruit propagation and planting material and perennial ornamental propagation and planting material. The Decree contains phytosanitary and varietal purity requirements for different classes of certified material for the following fruit and ornamental plant species: *Fragaria x ananassa*, *Ribes nigrum*, *Ribes rubrum*, *Ribes uva-crispa*, *Rubus idaeus*, *Malus domestica*, *Prunus cerasus*, *Prunus domestica*, *Forsythia* spp., *Hydrangea* spp., *Lonicera* spp., *Philadelphus* spp., *Phlox* spp., *Rhododendron* spp., *Rosa* spp., *Spiraea* spp., *Syringa* spp., *Viburnum* spp. and *Weigela* spp.

FSTSD # 02.0157 **Country** - European Union **Product** Pesticide: Acephate

Comment Deadline Date - 1/25/2003 **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - TBT EEC/22

Objective - Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market sets up a harmonised framework for the authorisation and placing on the market of plant protection products in order to protect human health and the environment.

Article 8(2) of this Directive provides a programme to be carried out over a period of 12 years for the gradual examination of the active substances contained in the pesticides, which are on the market for the inclusion in Annex I of the Directive.

Acephate is one of the 90 active substances covered by the first stage of this work programme. The main notifier for this active substance informed the Commission and the rapporteur Member State that they no longer wished to participate in the programme of work for this active substance, and therefore it is not possible to include this active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC

Any period of grace for disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks of plant protection products containing acephate allowed by Member State, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(6) of Directive 91/414/EEC should be limited to a period no longer than 12 months, i.e. 18 months from the date of adoption.

Description - Provides that acephate is not included in the positive Community list and the Member States have to withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing acephate.

Proposed date of entry into force: Member States have to withdraw all existing authorisations for plant protection products containing acephate 6 months after date of adoption. Any period of grace for existing stocks should be limited to a period no longer than 12 months, i.e. 18 months from the date of adoption.

End of Report.