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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), Health Canada
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): Fenhexamid (ICS:65.100.30, 67.080)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Not stated
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Interim Marketing Authorization regarding the use of fenhexamid on lettuce and bushberries (available in English and French; pages 205-206).
6. Description of content: <p>The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has recently approved an application to amend the registration of fenhexamid in order to allow its use for the control of Botrytis diseases on lettuce and bushberries (blueberries, currants, elderberries, gooseberries and huckleberries). The PMRA has also been requested to establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for residues of fenhexamid in lettuce and in bushberries resulting from this use, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.</p> <p>After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for fenhexamid of 23 p.p.m. in lettuce and of 4 p.p.m. in blueberries, currants, elderberries, gooseberries and huckleberries would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. Therefore, it is the intention of the PMRA to recommend that the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i> be amended to establish MRLs for fenhexamid of 23 p.p.m. in lettuce and of 4 p.p.m. in blueberries, currants, elderberries, gooseberries and huckleberries.</p> <p>As a means to improve the responsiveness of the regulatory system, an Interim Marketing Authorization (IMA) is being issued to permit the immediate sale of lettuce with an MRL of 23 p.p.m. for fenhexamid and the sale of blueberries, currants, elderberries, gooseberries and huckleberries with an MRL of 4 p.p.m. for fenhexamid while the regulatory process is undertaken to formally amend the Regulations. A revision to this notification will be published at the start of the amendment process and Members will be given the opportunity at that time to submit comments on this proposed measure.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 7 February 2004 (Available in English and French)
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Immediate for this IMA. For the final regulation, will be stated in subsequent Revision or Addendum to this notification.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: Immediate for this IMA. For the final regulation, will be stated in subsequent Revision or Addendum to this notification.
12.	Final date for comments: This document is not for comment at this time. A comment period will be provided in a Revision of this notification. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2004/20040207/pdf/g1-13806.pdf