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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission - Directorate for Agriculture
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin, certain products of plant origin including fruit and vegetables.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Directive amending the Annexes to Council Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables respectively (15 pages).
5.	Description of content: The draft maximum residue levels (MRLs) fill in open positions in the list fixed by Directives 93/57/EEC and 93/58/EEC and, additionally, amend certain MRLs already fixed in those Directives. Provisional Annexes A, B and C of doc. 2012/VI/98 - rev4 list in entirety those MRLs to be newly fixed or changed. The proposal includes a total of new 250 MRLs for the following pesticides: Acephate, chlorothalonil, chlorpyrifos-methyl, cypermethrin, deltamethrin, fenvalerate, glyphosate, imazalil, iprodione, permethrin, the benomyl group, the maneb group, methamidophos, procymidone and vinclozolin. Concerning tea, the pesticides covered are biphentrin, dichlorvos, dicofol, fenitrothion, malathion, methidathion, monocrotophos, phoxim, profenophos, propargite, quinalphos and phosmet.
6.	Objective and rationale: To ensure that MRLs, fixed at levels which do not lead to unacceptable dietary exposure of consumers, permit the authorized uses of plant protection products, at minimum levels to achieve adequate levels of protection of plants. Authorised agricultural practices and supervised residue trials information, including that from non-EC countries where submitted, are taken into account.

7.	<p>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [].</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: MRLs for some of the pesticides on some of the commodities (at least for chlorothalonil, chlorpyrifos, chlorpyrifos-methyl, cypermethrin, deltamethrin, fenvalerate, glyphosate, imazalil, iprodione, permethrin, the benomyl group, the maneb group, methamidophos, procymidone and vinclozolin) currently exist within the Codex Alimentarius.</p> <p>For some products, the MRLs proposed in the draft Commission Directive deviate from those existing within the Codex.</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 2012/VI/98-rev4</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: following consideration of responses to this consultation</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: On the day following publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.</p>
11.	<p>Final date for comments: 30 June.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: European Community Enquiry Point</p>
12.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>