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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:								
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency - EPA								
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Pesticides								
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerance (9 pages)								
5.	<p>Description of content: This regulation establishes a tolerance for residues of mesotrione, 2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrobenzoyl]-1,3- cyclohexanedione, in or on field corn. The petitioner requested this tolerance under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996. (The original notice of petition was published in the 29 May 1998, Federal Register and inadvertently not notified to the WTO.)</p> <p>Therefore, 40 CFR chapter I is amended as follows:</p> <p>PART 180--[AMENDED]</p> <p>1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows: Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321(q), 346(a) and 371.</p> <p>2. Part 180 is amended by adding Sec. 180.571 to read as follows: Sec. 180.571 Mesotrione; tolerances for residues.</p> <p>(a) General. Tolerances are established for residues of the herbicide mesotrione, 2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrobenzoyl]- 1,3-cyclohexanedione, in or on the following commodities:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Commodity</th><th>Parts per million</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Corn, field, forage</td><td>0.01</td></tr><tr><td>Corn, field, grain</td><td>0.01</td></tr><tr><td>Corn, field, stover</td><td>0.01</td></tr></tbody></table>	Commodity	Parts per million	Corn, field, forage	0.01	Corn, field, grain	0.01	Corn, field, stover	0.01
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6.	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
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 66 FR 33187, 21 June 2001 (Available in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: This regulation is effective 21 June 2001.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: This regulation is effective 21 June 2001.
11.	Final date for comments: Objections and requests for hearings must be received by EPA on or before 20 August 2001. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Environmental Protection Agency [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.
12.	Texts available from: <input checked="" 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: United States SPS Enquiry Point/Notification Authority Attn: Carolyn F. Wilson Room 5545 South Agriculture Building Stop 1027 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C.20250 Tel: (202) 720-2239 Fax: (202) 690-0677 E-mail: ofsts@fas.usda.gov