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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 should be provided in addition, where applicable): All agricultural products.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any US trade partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Pesticide Tolerance Fees: Suspension of Collection.
6.	Description of content: EPA has amended its regulations governing payment of fees for tolerance petitions and related activities to reflect the statutory requirements that the fees for tolerance petitions and related tolerance activities will not be collected during the period beginning on 1 October 2003 and ending 30 September 2008.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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: n.a.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: DOCID:fr, <u>Federal Register</u> : 17 March 2004 (Volume 69, Number 52) pages 12642-12644; available in English http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2004/March/Day-17/p6008.htm
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 11 March 2004
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 11 March 2004

12. Final date for comments:

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ **National notification authority,** ☐ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Registration Division (7505C), BM_1_ Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. opp-docket@epa.gov Note: Identify docket name "OPP-2003-" in subject line of your response.

13. Texts available from: ☐ **National notification authority,** ☒ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Ms. Julie Morin, United States SPS Enquiry Point Officer, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Food Safety and Technical Services Division, Stop 1027, Washington, DC 20250. Tel: (202) 720-4051, Fax: (202) 720-7772, E-mail: fstd@fas.usda.gov