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Administrative Assessment Report –Proposal M1014

Maximum Residue Limits (2016)

Brief Description of Proposal: To consider varying certain maximum residue limits for residues of agricultural and veterinary chemicals that may occur in food.		Potentially affected standard: Schedule 20
Procedure: General	Estimated total hours: Maximum 1000 hours Reasons why: Involves an assessment of the risk to public health and safety of a number of chemicals and commodities	Provisional estimated start work: Early June 2016

Other Comments or Relevant Matters:

This Proposal will consider varying certain maximum residue limits (MRLs) in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code) following a number requests to harmonise with MRLs in the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No.4 (MRL Standard) 2012 and MRLs established overseas. This Proposal includes consideration of MRL variations from the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and other interested parties. This is a routine process, both to allow the sale of food with legitimate residues and to remove limits that are no longer required.

In February 2012, FSANZ agreed to consider and consult on APVMA chemical review-related MRL variations in the Code, rather than the APVMA performing this role. This Proposal includes consideration of paraquat, which is currently under review by the APVMA. This Proposal also includes consideration of MRL variations requested by the APVMA that result from regulatory decisions following the completion of APVMA reviews of the chemicals: fenthion, carbendazim, carbaryl, dichlorvos and fenamiphos.

MRL variations for an anti-fungal (natamycin) and antimicrobial chemicals (nicarbazin and virginiamycin) will also be considered as part of this Proposal in consultation with the APVMA.

Decision

Proposal prepared

Date: 8 June 2016

Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation period:	
4 weeks	
Proposed timeframe for assessment:	
Commence assessment (clock start)	Late June 2016
Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure	Mid-October 2016
Public comment	Late October – Late November 2016
Board to complete approval	Early March 2017
Notification to Forum	Mid-March 2017
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late May 2017