

US Comments on G/SPS/N/AUS/428
Proposal M1014 – Maximum Residue Limits (2016)

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The United States appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft “Proposal: M1014 – Maximum Residue Limits (2016),” notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as G/SPS/N/AUS/428 on June 28, 2017. The United States offers the following comments for your consideration.

The United States is concerned that Australia’s draft measure deletes several maximum residue limits (MRLs) for dicloran and virginiamycin. Specifically, the United States is concerned that deleting the MRLs for dicloran on onion (bulb), sweet potato, and virginiamycin in pig fat, as indicated below on Table 1, could disrupt U.S. exports to Australia. The United States requests Australia provide the scientific basis for deleting these MRLs.

Table 1

Chemical	Commodity	U.S. MRL	Australia Current MRL	Australia Proposed MRL
Dicloran	Onion (bulb)	10 ppm	20 ppm	Deleted
	Sweet Potato	10 ppm	20 ppm	Deleted
Virginiamycin	Pig Fat	0.4 ppm	0.1 ppm	Deleted

The United States also requests that Australia harmonize with the U.S. MRL of 10 parts per million (ppm) for onion (bulb), and 10 ppm for sweet potato.

Lastly, can Australia please clarify the intended action regarding fenamiphos and indicate if the action will ban the use of this chemical in Australia?

Australia is an important market for U.S. industries. We appreciate your consideration of these comments and look forward to your response.

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