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Administrative assessment report – Proposal M1015

Maximum Residue Limits (2017)

<p>Brief Description of Proposal: To consider varying certain maximum residue limits (MRLs) for residues of specified agricultural and veterinary chemicals that may occur in food commodities.</p>		<p>Potentially affected standard: Schedule 20 of the Code</p>
<p>Procedure: General</p>	<p>Estimated total hours: Maximum 1000 hours</p> <p>Reasons why: Involves assessment of the public health and safety risk of residues of the requested chemicals in the specified food commodities to Australian consumers.</p>	<p>Provisional estimated start work: Late July 2017</p>

<p>Other Comments or Relevant Matters:</p> <p>The Proposal will consider varying certain MRLs in the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (the Code) to align with those established by Codex or trading partner standards for the requested agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals for food import purposes.</p> <p>This is a routine process that allows the sale of imported food commodities with legitimate residues of agvet chemicals used in their production. The use is consistent with international regulations for the safe and effective use of the agvet chemicals based on good agricultural practice.</p> <p>This Proposal also includes consideration of MRL variations requested by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). The APVMA requests may be deletions, reductions or increases of a number of MRLs, as well as inclusions of new food commodities in Schedule 20, following the completion of chemical reviews.</p>

Decision

Proposal prepared

Date: 25 July 2017

Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation period: 4 weeks	
Proposed timeframe for assessment:	
Commence assessment (clock starts)	Late July 2017
Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food regulatory measure	Late November 2017
Public comment period (4 weeks)	Early February 2018
Board to complete approval	Mid-June 2018
Notification to Forum	Late June 2018
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late August 2018