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Administrative Assessment Report – Proposal M1017

Maximum Residue Limits (2019)

<p>Brief Description of Proposal: To consider varying certain maximum residue limits (MRLs) for residues of specified agricultural and veterinary (agvet) 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 agvet chemicals in the specified food commodities to Australian consumers.</p>	<p>Estimated start work: Early August 2019</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 agvet chemicals for food import purposes.</p> <p>This process 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 are predominantly deletions, however some substitutions or additions of MRLs are included. Consideration of antimicrobial resistance implications for variations requested for anti-fungal (e.g. trizole fungicides) and anti-microbial chemicals as part of this proposal will be undertaken in consultation with the APVMA.</p>

Decision

<p>Proposal prepared</p> <p>Date: 20 June 2019</p>

Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation period:

30 days (Domestic)

60 days (WTO member countries)

Proposed timeframe for assessment:

Commence assessment (clock start)	Mid-August 2019
Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure	Late September 2019
Public comment	Early Dec 2019/ Feb 2020
Board to complete approval	Late April 2020
Notification to Forum	Mid-June 2020
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late September 2020