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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Health and Safety Executive
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): Products (and associated GB commodity codes*): Celeries (0270030) and rhubarbs (0270070) * For reference, the full list of GB commodity codes is set out in Part 1 of the GB pesticides Maximum Residue Level Statutory Register – see link).
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: New GB MRLs for azoxystrobin amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 20 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/GBR/24_00756_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Azoxystrobin is an approved active substance in Great Britain. An application was received by the Health and Safety Executive to set new MRLs for celeries and rhubarbs. Following assessment, new MRLs have been introduced to accommodate the authorisations of plant protection products in Great Britain. The Evaluation Report/Reasoned Opinion supporting the new MRLs is available at the following link. A complete list of the new MRLs is available within this document, see page 5: New MRLs (hse.gov.uk) The residue levels arising in food from the notified uses result in consumer exposures below the toxicological reference values and therefore harmful effects on human health are not expected. As the residue levels exceed the current MRLs in force, new MRLs are being adopted.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex No. 229 <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: There is no CXL for azoxystrobin in/on rhubarbs.</p> <p>The GB MRL being adopted for azoxystrobin in/on celeries is higher than the CXL. This is to accommodate an authorisation that gives rise to higher residues in celeries than permitted by the CXL and which our assessment demonstrated to be safe for UK consumers.</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 19 December 2023</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 19 December 2023</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point WTO Policy Team EU and International Trade Directorate Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building, 2 Marsham St. London SW1P 4DF E-mail: uksps@defra.gov.uk</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point WTO Policy Team EU and International Trade Directorate Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building, 2 Marsham St. London SW1P 4DF E-mail: uksps@defra.gov.uk</p>