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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

# Original: English

# 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\*): Blueberries (0154010), Ginseng (0633020)

\*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 <u>link</u>).

#### 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:

## [X] All trading partners

## [] Specific regions or countries:

- 5. Title of the notified document: New GB MRLs for benzovindiflupyr amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 20
- 6. Description of content: Benzovindiflupyr is an approved active substance in Great Britain. An application was received by the Health and Safety Executive to set new MRLs for blueberries and ginseng. Following assessment, new MRLs have been introduced to set Import Tolerances.

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: <u>New MRLs (hse.gov.uk)</u>.

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: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.

- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*):
  - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
  - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

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[X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes []No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 17 April 2023
  Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): 17 April 2023
- **11.** Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Not applicable

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