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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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): HS Code(s): 39
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: Draft Commission Regulation on recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foods, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 282/2008 (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 49 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_7597_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_7597_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The regulation concerns the placing on the market of plastic materials and articles with recycled/secondary plastic content intended for use in contact with food. It sets out rules for the manufacture thereof, suitable recycling technologies, recycling processes, recycling installations, plastic waste, collection and sorting of plastic input and the decontamination thereof, and the use of the plastic output, quality control, registration of business operators and enforcement, with the purpose to ensure that the recycled content in the final plastic materials and articles intended for contact with food do not cause harm to the consumers of those foods, or change their quality or organoleptic properties. The Regulation repeals Regulation (EC) No 282/2008, which it will replace.
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 15 June 2022 (foreseen) Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30 June 2022 (foreseen)</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 February 2022</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>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</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>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>



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1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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): Cereals (HS Codes: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origin (HS Codes: 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables
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: Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for fluoride ion, oxyfluorfen, pyroxsulam, quinmerac and sulfuryl fluoride in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EU/21_7731_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EU/21_7731_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EU/21_7731_02_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EU/21_7731_03_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EU/21_7731_04_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed draft Regulation concerns the review of existing MRLs for fluoride ion, oxyfluorfen, pyroxsulam, quinmerac and sulfuryl fluoride in certain food commodities. MRLs for these substances in certain commodities are changed: either increased or lowered. Lower MRLs are set after updating the limits of determination and/or deleting old uses which are not authorised any more in the European Union or for which a human health concern may not be excluded. Some residue definitions have been updated.
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 Maximum Residue Limits for sulfuryl fluoride (218). The list of Codex MRLs is available at: https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticide-detail/en/?p_id=218 . <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: The European Food Safety Authority published the reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for oxyfluorfen, pyroxsulam, quinmerac and sulfuryl fluoride (and its metabolite fluoride ion). Based on this opinions, Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 should be amended accordingly.</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC" http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396 - European Food Safety Authority; Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for oxyfluorfen according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2020;18(10):6269. https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/6269 - European Food Safety Authority; Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for pyroxsulam according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2020;18(10):6260. https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/6260 - European Food Safety Authority; Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for quinmerac according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2020;18(10):6257. https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/6257 - European Food Safety Authority; Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for sulfuryl fluoride according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2021;19(1):6390. https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/6390 <p>(available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 April 2022</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30 June 2022</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 February 2022</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>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>

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2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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): Muscle meat of fish, molluscs and salt
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: Draft Commission Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of mercury in fish and salt (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4+4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EU/21_7732_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EU/21_7732_01_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The draft Regulation lowers existing maximum levels for mercury in cephalopods, marine gastropods and muscle meat of certain fish species, for which EU MLs are currently established under Regulation (EC) No 629/2008 and Regulation (EU) No 420/2011, and it establishes a new maximum level for mercury in salt.
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 General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CXC 1995) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: Based on a risk assessment of the European Food Safety Authority, it was concluded that the exposure of EU consumers to mercury should be lowered. The available occurrence data in the European Union indicates that there is

margin to lower the MLs for mercury in certain commodities. This measure is considered necessary to ensure a high level of human health protection.
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Estimated April 2022. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Estimated April 2022.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i> . The foodstuffs listed in the Annex, lawfully placed on the market before the entry into force of this Regulation, may remain on the market until the date of minimum durability or use-by-date. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 February 2022 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu
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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency
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): Apple, wet pomace; Avocado; Berry, low growing, subgroup 13-07G; <i>Brassica</i> , leafy greens, subgroup 4-16B; Caneberry subgroup 13-07A; Fruit, citrus, group 10-10; Fruit, pome, group 11-10, except mayhaw; Fruit, small, vine climbing, except fuzzy kiwifruit subgroup 13-07F; Groundcherry; Nut, tree, group 14-12; Peach subgroup 12-12B; Pepper/eggplant subgroup 8-10B; Pomegranate; Sunflower subgroup 20B; Tomato subgroup 8-10A.
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: Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances. Final Rule. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 10 https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-01/html/2021-25091.htm
6. Description of content: This regulation establishes tolerances for residues of bifenthrin in or on multiple commodities.
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: EPA harmonizes with Codex where possible, but for some of the MRLs (tolerance) in question, the data provided to EPA support a different MRL than Codex. Please refer to the Federal Register Notice for full information regarding which MRLs are harmonized and which are not.

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2016-10-18/html/2016-25146.htm (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 December 2021 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 December 2021
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 December 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
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 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Marietta Echeverria, Acting Director, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; Main telephone number: +(703) 305 7090; E-mail: RDFRNotices@epa.gov
13.	Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-01/html/2021-25091.htm