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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. **Member to Agreement notifying:** UNITED STATES
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 may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** Pesticides
4. **Title and number of pages of the notified document:** Ethametsulfuron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance (4 pages).
5. **Description of content:** This regulation establishes a tolerance for residues of ethametsulfuron methyl (methyl 2-(((4-ethoxy-6- (methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) amino) carbonyl) amino) sulfonyl) benzoate) in or on canola, crambe, and rapeseed. The petitioner requested this tolerance under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996. In the Federal Register of 17 December 1997, (not previously notified to the WTO) EPA issued a notice pursuant to section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) (Public Law 104-170) announcing the filing of a pesticide petition. This notice included a summary of the petition prepared by the registrant. There were no comments received in response to the notice of filing. The petition requested that 40 CFR part 180 be amended by establishing a tolerance for residues of the herbicide ethametsulfuron methyl (methyl 2- (((4-ethoxy-6- (methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) amino) carbonyl) amino) sulfonyl) benzoate) in or on canola seed at 0.1 part per million (ppm). During the course of the review, EPA determined that the available residue data supported tolerances of 0.02 ppm in or on the raw agricultural commodities canola, crambe, and rapeseed at 0.02 ppm.

Part 180 –[Amended]
 1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:
Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321(q), 346(a) and 371.
 2. Section 180.563 is amended by adding paragraph (a) to read as follows:
Section 180.563 Ethametsulfuron methyl; tolerances for residues.
 - (a) General. A tolerance is established for residues of
ethametsulfuron methyl (methyl 2- (((4-ethoxy-6- (methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) amino) carbonyl) amino) sulfonyl) benzoate) in or on the following raw agricultural commodities.

Commodity	Parts per million
Canola seed	0.02
Crambe	0.02
Rapeseed	0.02

6.	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
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: There are no Codex maximum residue levels for ethametsulfuron methyl.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 66 FR 18201, 6 April 2001; Available in English.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 6 April 2001
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 6 April 2001
11.	Final date for comments: 6 April 2001 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: This regulation is effective 6 April 2001. Objections and requests for hearings must be received by EPA on or before 5 June 2001. <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority , <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Environmental Protection Agency. Detailed instruction on where and how to send objections and requests for hearings are in the body of the full text – which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.
12.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority , <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: USDA/FAS/FSTSD Attn: Carolyn F. Wilson Room 5545 South Agriculture Building Stop 1027 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250 Phone: (202) 720 2239 Fax: (202) 690 0677 E-mail ofsts@fas.usda.gov