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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Health Canada
3.	<b>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):</b> Difenoconazole (ICS: 65.100.30, 67.040)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Not stated
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations (1344 — Difenoconazole) (available in English and French, pages 1320-1323)
6.	<p><b>Description of content:</b> Difenoconazole is registered under the <i>Pest Control Products Act</i> as a fungicide for the control of seed-borne Septoria, seedling blight (caused by seed- and soil-borne Fusarium), general seed rots (caused by Penicillium and Aspergillus), covered smut, false loose smut, and Pythium damping-off, and for suppression of common root rot (<i>Cochliobolus</i> spp.), Fusarium crown rot, Fusarium foot rot, and take-all on wheat as a seed treatment. A maximum residue limit (MRL) has been established under the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i> for residues of difenoconazole resulting from this use at 0.1 parts per million (p.p.m.) in wheat. MRLs have also been established at 0.05 p.p.m. in eggs and meat and meat by-products of cattle, goats, hogs, poultry and sheep, and at 0.01 p.p.m. in milk to cover residues in food derived from animals fed with crops treated with difenoconazole. By virtue of subsection B.15.002(1) of the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i>, the MRL for other foods is 0.1 p.p.m.</p> <p>The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has recently approved an application to amend the registration of difenoconazole in order to allow its use for the control of seed-borne Septoria, seedling blight, general seed rots, covered smut, false loose smut, and Pythium damping-off, and for suppression of common root rot, Fusarium crown rot, Fusarium foot rot, and take-all on barley, rapeseed (canola) and mustard as a seed treatment. This proposed regulatory amendment would establish MRLs for residues of difenoconazole resulting from this use in barley, mustard seed and rapeseed (canola) in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.</p> <p>After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for difenoconazole of 0.05 p.p.m. in mustard seed, 0.03 p.p.m. in rapeseed (canola) and 0.01 p.p.m. in barley would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. This proposed regulatory amendment would also amend the chemical name of difenoconazole in order to comply with international nomenclature conventions.</p>

7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Canada Gazette, Part I, 3 May 2003 (Available in English and French)
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Normally within 5 to 8 months of publication in the Canada Gazette, Part I.
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> On the date the measure is adopted.
12.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 17 July 2003 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	<b>Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: <a href="http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2003/20030503/pdf/g1-13718.pdf">http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2003/20030503/pdf/g1-13718.pdf</a>