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Maximum Residue Limits on Pesticides for Agricultural Use

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Report Highlights:

The Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on August 19, 2014 a draft regulation setting the maximum residue limits (MRL's) to authorize pesticides for agricultural use. PROY-NOM-000-SAG-FITO/SSA1-2013 was drafted together with the Secretariat of Health (SALUD). Comments are due in Spanish within the next 60 calendar days after publication (October 18, 2014).

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General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement by the Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" on August 19, 2014, containing the draft that establishes the maximum residue limits (MRL's) on pesticide residues in imported and domestically-produced food derived from an application of these pesticides to protect the health of consumers and facilitate international trade.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title: Project of the Official Mexican Norm [PROY-NOM-000-SAG-FITO/SSA1-2013](#). Maximum residue limits. Technical guidelines and authorization procedures and review.

Executive Summary:

The Agro-Food, Aquaculture and Fishery Safety General Directorate from the Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) and the Federal Commission for the Prevention of Risks from the Secretariat of Health (SALUD) participated in the elaboration of the draft -PROY-NOM-000-SAG-FITO/SSA1-2013- where the objective is to establish technical guidelines and procedures for the approval of Maximum Residue Limits (MRL's) of chemical pesticides for agricultural usage for purposes of registration and use.

Pesticides are monitored by several federal government agencies in order to ensure consumers its quality, effectiveness, and given its toxic nature, to prevent risks to public health. Therefore, it is necessary to establish a level at which pesticide residues in imported and domestically-produced foods derived from an application of these to control pests do not pose a risk to human health.

This regulation will be mandatory for all Mexican territory and will apply for individuals or moral entities applying for registration of chemical pesticides for agricultural usage with the purpose of use in Mexico and that require a MRL according to legal provisions.

This project contains the technical guidelines to establish and review a MRL, procedures for authorization of an MRL, and laboratory methods for risk analysis. Criteria to establish an MRL will be according domestic regulations and considering international parameters like the ones published by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), through the CODEX Alimentarius, the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States (EPA), and others.

This project was published for public consultation; therefore interested parties must issue comments within the next 60 calendar days after publication in the *Diario Oficial*. Comments should be in Spanish, scientifically and technically based, and sent to:

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1. Publication Date: August 19, 2014

2. Comments Due Date : 60 calendar days - October 18, 2014

2. Effective Date: 180 calendar days after official publication in the *Diario Oficial*.

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