

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*FOOD AND DRUGS ACT*

*Food and Drug Regulations - Amendments*

Interim Marketing Authorization

Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) have been established under the *Food and Drugs Act* for residues of cyprodinil at 3 parts per million (ppm) in raisins; 2 ppm in grapes and stone fruit; 0.1 ppm in pome fruit and 0.02 ppm in almonds. By virtue of subsection B.15.002(1) of the *Food and Drug Regulations*, the MRL for other foods is 0.1 parts per million (ppm).

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has been requested to establish MRLs for residues of cyprodinil in strawberries, in order to permit the import and sale of food containing these residues.

In order to determine whether proposed MRLs are safe, the PMRA conducts a dietary risk assessment. The MRLs will be established if: the data requirements for assessing safety have been adequately addressed and the human health risks associated with the proposed MRLs are acceptable.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that a MRL of 3.5 ppm in strawberries would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

The proposed regulatory amendment will contribute to a safe, abundant and affordable food supply by allowing the importation and sale of food commodities containing acceptable levels of pesticide residues.

Therefore, it is the intention of the PMRA to recommend that the *Food and Drug Regulations* be amended to establish a MRL for cyprodinil of 3.5 ppm in strawberries.

As a means to improve the responsiveness of the regulatory system, an Interim Marketing Authorization (IMA) is being issued to permit the immediate sale of strawberries with a MRL for cyprodinil, of 3.5 ppm, while the regulatory process to amend the Regulations is undertaken.

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