

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 pyrimethanil at 8 parts per million (ppm) in raisins, 5 ppm in grapes and 0.05 ppm in imported bananas. 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 pyrimethanil including its metabolite, in imported citrus fruit and pome fruit, 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 MRLs of 10 ppm in citrus fruit (i.e. calamondins, citrus citron, citrus hybrids, grapefruits, kumquats, lemons, limes, oranges, pummelos, satsuma mandarins and tangerines) and 3 ppm in pome fruit (i.e. apples, crabapples, loquats, mayhaws, oriental pears, pears and quinces) 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 MRLs for pyrimethanil, including its metabolites, of 10 ppm in citrus fruit (i.e. calamondins, citrus citron, citrus hybrids, grapefruits, kumquats, lemons, limes, oranges, pummelos, satsuma mandarins and tangerines) and 3 ppm in pome fruit (i.e. apples, crabapples, loquats, mayhaws, oriental pears, pears and quinces).

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 citrus fruit (i.e. calamondins, citrus citron, citrus hybrids, grapefruits, kumquats, lemons, limes, oranges, pummelos, satsuma mandarins and tangerines) and pome fruit (i.e. apples, crabapples, loquats, mayhaws, oriental pears, pears and quinces) with MRLs for pyrimethanil, including its metabolites, of 10 ppm and 3 ppm respectively, while the regulatory process to amend the Regulations is undertaken.

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