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Her Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Health, pursuant to subsection 30(1)¹ of the *Food and Drugs Act*, hereby makes the annexed *Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (1371 - Fludioxonil)*.

¹S.C. 1999, c. 33, s. 347

REGULATIONS AMENDING THE FOOD AND DRUG REGULATIONS (1371 -
FLUDIOXONIL)

AMENDMENT

1. The portion of item F.1.2.1 of Table II to Division 15 of Part B of the *Food and Drug Regulations*² in columns III and IV is replaced by the following:

	III	IV
Item No.	Maximum Residue Limit p.p.m.	Foods
F.1.2.1	7	Onions (green)
	2	Apricots, peaches/nectarines, plums, strawberries
	1	Grapes
	0.2	Onions (dry bulb)
	0.05	Fat, kidney and liver of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep; mustard
	0.02	Potatoes
	0.01	Meat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep; milk; rapeseed (canola)

COMING INTO FORCE

2. These Regulations come into force on the day on which they are registered.

²C.R.C., c. 870

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS STATEMENT
(This statement is not part of the Regulation)

Description

Fludioxonil is registered under the *Pest Control Products Act* as a fungicide for the control of *Fusarium* spp., *Helminthosporium*, *Microdochium*, *Rhizoctonia*, *Septoria* and *Tilletia* on cereal and non-cereal crops as a seed treatment, and *Botrytis*, *Monilinia*, *Sclerotinia*, and *Alternaria* on stone fruit, berry crops, vegetables, and ornamentals as a foliar treatment. Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) have been established under the *Food and Drugs Act* for residues of fludioxonil resulting from these uses at 0.05 parts per million (ppm) in mustard, 0.02 ppm in potatoes, and 0.01 ppm in rapeseed (canola), and at 2 ppm in apricots, peaches/nectarines, and plums imported into Canada. MRLs have also been established at 0.05 ppm in fat, kidney and liver of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep, and 0.01 ppm in milk and meat of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep to cover residues in food derived from animals fed with crops treated with fludioxonil. By virtue of subsection B.15.002(1) of the *Food and Drug Regulations*, the MRL for other foods is 0.1 ppm.

This regulatory amendment will establish MRLs for residues of fludioxonil in dry bulb and green onions, grapes and strawberries, in order to permit the import and sale of food containing these residues.

In order to determine whether proposed MRLs are safe, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, conducts a dietary risk assessment. An acceptable daily intake (ADI) and/or acute reference dose (ARfD) is calculated by applying a safety factor to a no observable adverse effect level or, in appropriate cases, by applying a risk factor which is calculated based on a linear low-dose extrapolation. The potential daily intake (PDI) is calculated from the amount of residue that remains on each imported food when the pest control product is used according to use instructions in the country of origin and the intake of that food from imported sources in the diet. PDIs are established for various Canadian subpopulations and age groups, including infants, toddlers, children, adolescents and adults. Provided the PDI does not exceed the ADI or ARfD for any subpopulation or age group, and the lifetime risk is acceptable, the expected residue levels are established as MRLs under the *Food and Drugs Act* to prevent the sale of food with higher residue levels. Since, in most cases, the PDI is well below the ADI and lifetime risks are very low when MRLs are originally established, additional MRLs for the pest control product may be added in the future.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for fludioxonil of 7 ppm in green onions, 2 ppm in strawberries, 1 ppm in grapes and 0.2 ppm in dry bulb onions would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

Alternatives

Under the *Food and Drugs Act*, it is prohibited to sell food containing residues of pest control products at a level greater than 0.1 ppm unless a higher MRL has been established in Table II, Division 15, of the *Food and Drug Regulations*. In the case of fludioxonil, establishment of MRLs for dry bulb onions, grapes, green onions, and strawberries is necessary to support the import of food containing residues that have been shown to be safe, while at the same time preventing the sale of food with unacceptable residues.

Benefits and Costs

This 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.

Some costs may be incurred related to the implementation of analytical methods for analysis of fludioxonil in the foods mentioned above. Resources required are not expected to result in significant costs to the government.

Consultation

Dietary risk assessments conducted by the PMRA are based on internationally recognized risk management principles, which are largely harmonized among member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Individual safety evaluations conducted by the PMRA include a review of the assessments conducted at the international level as part of the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations/World Health Organization Food Standards Programme in support of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, as well as MRLs adopted by other national health/regulatory agencies.

This schedule of amendment was published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, on November 22, 2003. Interested parties were invited to make representations concerning the proposed amendment. No responses were received.

Compliance and Enforcement

Compliance will be monitored through ongoing domestic and/or import inspection programs conducted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency when the MRLs for fludioxonil are adopted.

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