

Proposal to Amend Schedule 20 in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code

In the previous notice on Page 35 of APVMA Gazette No. 7, the APVMA gazetted amendments which it has approved to vary maximum residue limits (MRLs) for substances contained in agricultural and veterinary chemical products as set out as in the APVMA's MRL Standard.

Under section 82 of the Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991, the APVMA is proposing to incorporate those variations (Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No. 4 (MRL Standard) Amendment Instrument 2019 (No. 3)) to MRLs into Schedule 20—Maximum residue limits in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

MRLs contained in Schedule 20 provide the limits for residues of agricultural and veterinary chemicals that may legitimately occur in foods. By this means, Schedule 20 permits the sale of treated foods and protects public health and safety by minimising residues in foods consistent with the effective control of pests and diseases.

The APVMA and Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) are satisfied, based on dietary exposure assessments and current health standards, that the proposed limits are not harmful to public health.

The agreement between the Australian Government and the New Zealand Government concerning a Joint Food Standards System, excludes MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food from the system setting joint food standards. Australia and New Zealand independently and separately develop MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food.

FSANZ will make a Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) notification to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The APVMA invites comment on these proposals. Details on how to make a submission appear near the end of this notice, below the details of the proposed amendment.

The APVMA will consider any public comments made in response to this proposal. If the APVMA decides to proceed with the proposal, it will further notify any variations it makes to Schedule 20 in the APVMA Gazette. The variations will take effect as from the date of that subsequent notice.

PROPOSED VARIATION TO SCHEDULE 20 IN THE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD STANDARDS CODE 9
April 2019

Note: Subsection 82(2) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* provides that variations to standards are legislative instruments, but are not subject to disallowance or sunseting.

To commence: on gazettal of variation

[1] The table to section S20–3 in Schedule 20 is varied by

[1.1] omitting from each of the following chemicals, the foods and associated MRLs

Agvet chemical: Glyphosate

Permitted residue: Sum of glyphosate, N-acetyl-glyphosate and aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA) metabolite, expressed as glyphosate

Oilseed [except cotton seed; peanut; linseed; poppy seed; rape seed (canola); sunflower seed]	T*0.01
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Agvet chemical: Praziquantel

Permitted residue: Praziquantel

Tuna	T*0.01
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[1.2] inserting for each of the following chemicals the foods and associated MRLs in alphabetical order

Agvet chemical: Bromoxynil

Permitted residue: Bromoxynil

All other foods except animal food commodities	0.1
Hempseed	T*0.02

Agvet chemical: Chlorantraniliprole

Permitted residue—plant commodities and animal commodities other than milk: Chlorantraniliprole

Permitted residue—milk: Sum of chlorantraniliprole, 3-bromo-N-[4-chloro-2-(hydroxymethyl)-6-[(methylamino)carbonyl]phenyl]-1-(3-chloro-2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide, and 3-bromo-N-[4-chloro-2-(hydroxymethyl)-6-[[[(hydroxymethyl)amino]carbonyl]phenyl]-1-(3-chloro-2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide, expressed as chlorantraniliprole

Hempseed	T1
Sesame seed	T0.5

Agvet chemical: Diflubenzuron

Permitted residue—Diflubenzuron

Fish muscle	T*0.002
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Agvet chemical: Fluopyram

Permitted residue—commodities of plant origin:
 Fluopyram

Permitted residue—commodities of animal origin:
 Sum of fluopyram and 2-(trifluoromethyl)-benzamide,
 expressed as fluopyram

Eggs	*0.02
Poultry, Edible offal of	*0.02
Poultry meat	*0.02

Agvet chemical: Glyphosate

Permitted residue: Sum of glyphosate, N-acetyl-glyphosate and aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA) metabolite, expressed as glyphosate

Oilseed [except cotton seed; peanut; linseed; poppy seed; rape seed (canola); sesame seed; sunflower seed]	T*0.01
Sesame seed	T20

Agvet chemical: Haloxyfop

Permitted residue: Sum of haloxyfop, its esters and conjugates, expressed as haloxyfop

Hempseed	T0.1
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Agvet chemical: Indoxacarb

Permitted residue: Sum of indoxacarb and its R-isomer

Hempseed	T*0.05
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Agvet chemical: Mandestrobin

Permitted residue: Mandestrobin

Beans, except broad bean and soya bean	0.7
Edible offal (Mammalian)	0.02
Lettuce, Head	0.7
Lettuce, Leaf	7
Meat (mammalian) (in the fat)	0.02
Milk	*0.02
Beans, except broad bean and soya bean	0.7

Agvet chemical: Praziquantel

Permitted residue: Praziquantel

Fish muscle	T*0.02
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Agvet chemical: Pyrethrins

Permitted residue: Sum of pyrethrins i and ii, Cinerins i and ii and jasmolins i and ii, determined after calibration by means of the International Pyrethrum Standard

All other foods except animal food commodities	0.2
Edible offal (Mammalian)	*0.05
Eggs	*0.05
Meat (mammalian) (in the fat)	*0.05
Milks	*0.05
Poultry, Edible offal of	*0.05
Poultry, Meat (in the fat)	*0.05

Agvet chemical: Sethoxydim

Permitted residue: Sum of sethoxydim and metabolites containing the 5-(2-ethylthiopropyl)cyclohexene-3-one and 5-(2-ethylthiopropyl)-5-hydroxycyclohexene-3-one moieties and their sulfoxides and sulfones, expressed as sethoxydim

Sesame seed	T0.5
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Agvet chemical: Trichlorfon

Permitted residue: Trichlorfon

All other foods except animal food commodities	0.05
Fish muscle	T*0.01

[1.3] omitting for each of the following chemicals, the maximum residue limit for the food and substituting

Agvet chemical: Fluopyram

*Permitted residue—commodities of plant origin:
 Fluopyram*

*Permitted residue—commodities of animal origin:
 Sum of fluopyram and 2-(trifluoromethyl)-benzamide,
 expressed as fluopyram*

Edible offal (Mammalian)	0.5
Meat (mammalian)	0.1
Rape seed (canola seed)	*0.01

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

Written submissions are invited from interested individuals and organisations to assist the APVMA in considering the proposal to vary Schedule 20—Maximum residue limits in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. Submissions should be strictly confined to relevant matters that the APVMA must consider (such as public health and safety) which are associated with the occurrence of the proposed residues in foods. Comments received outside these grounds will not be considered by the APVMA. Claims made in submissions should be supported wherever possible by referencing or including relevant studies, research findings, trials, surveys etc. Technical information should be in sufficient detail to allow independent scientific assessment.

Please note that FSANZ will make a SPS notification to the WTO and submissions related to impacts on international trade should be made to FSANZ in response to that notification.

Submissions must be made in writing and should be clearly marked as a 'submission on the proposed amendment to Schedule 20' and quote the correct amendment number.

DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS: 6 pm (AEST) 07 May 2019.

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DEADLINE WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT

Submissions received after this date will only be considered if agreement for an extension has been given prior to this closing date. Agreement to an extension of time will only be given if extraordinary circumstances warrant an extension to the submission period. For further information please contact:

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