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The APVMA Gazette is published fortnightly and contains details of the registration of agricultural and veterinary chemicals products and other approvals granted by the APVMA, notices as required by the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code (the Agvet Code) and related legislation and a range of regulatory material issued by the APVMA.

Pursuant to section 8J(1) of the Agvet Code, the APVMA has decided that it is unnecessary to publish details of applications made for the purpose of notifying minor variations to registration details. The APVMA will however report notifications activity in quarterly statistical reports.

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## Amendments to the APVMA MRL Standard

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) approves maximum residue limits (MRLs) of agricultural and veterinary chemicals in agricultural produce, particularly produce entering the food chain. The MRLs approved by the APVMA are associated with a regulatory decision to register a product, grant a permit approval, or as an outcome from a review decision and are set out in the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code (MRL Standard) Instrument 2019. The MRL Standard lists MRLs of substances that may arise from the approved use of agricultural and veterinary chemical products containing those substances on commodities used for human consumption as well as livestock feeds. The MRL Standard also provides the relevant residue definitions to which these MRLs apply. There may be situations where the residue definition for monitoring and enforcement is different to the definition used for dietary risk assessment purposes.

MRLs are set at levels which are not likely to be exceeded if the agricultural or veterinary chemicals are used in accordance with approved label instructions. In considering MRLs and variation to MRLs, the APVMA takes into account studies on chemistry, metabolism, analytical methodology, residues, toxicology, good agricultural practice and dietary exposure. In approving MRLs, the APVMA is satisfied, from dietary exposure assessment, that the levels set are not an undue hazard to human health.

The APVMA has amended the MRL Standard, and the changes will have affect the day after the instrument is registered.

Details of the amendment can be found in the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code (MRL Standard) Amendment Instrument (No. 5) 2022.

The amendments will be incorporated into the compilation of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code (MRL Standard) Instrument 2019.

The MRL Standard is accessible via the [Federal Register of Legislation](#) website.

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