

Proposal to amend Schedule 20 in the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code

In the previous notice on page 26 of APVMA Gazette No. 2, 24 January 2023, 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 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 (*MRL Standard*) Amendment Instrument 2023 (No. 1)) 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.

A Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) notification to the World Trade Organization (WTO) will be made.

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

24 January 2023

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 sunset.

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: Acetamiprid

Permitted residue – commodities of plant origin: Acetamiprid

Permitted residue – commodities of animal origin: Sum of acetamiprid and N-demethyl acetamiprid ((E)-N¹-[(6-chloro-3-pyridyl)methyl]-N²-cyanoacetamidine), expressed as acetamiprid

Cherries	2
Citrus fruits [except kumquats]	1
Plums (including prunes)	0.5
Stone fruits [except cherries; jujube, Chinese; plums]	1

Agvet chemical: Bifenthrin

Permitted residue: Bifenthrin

Citrus fruits [except kumquats]	*0.05
Field pea (dry)	T*0.01
Lupin (dry)	T*0.02
Pulses [except field pea (dry); lupin (dry)]	*0.02

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

Citrus fruits [except kumquats]	1
Stone fruits [except cherries; jujube, Chinese]	2
Tomato	0.9

Agvet chemical: Methoxyfenozide

Permitted residue: Methoxyfenozide

Citrus fruits [except kumquats]	3
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Agvet chemical: Procymidone*Permitted residue: Procymidone*

Stone fruits [except jujube, Chinese]	T10
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Agvet chemical: Spinetoram*Permitted residue: Sum of Ethyl-spinosyn-J and Ethyl-spinosyn-L*

Pome fruits [except Persimmon, Japanese]	0.1
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Agvet chemical: Sulfoxaflor*Permitted residue: Sulfoxaflor*

Avocado	0.3
Citrus fruits [except kumquats]	0.7
Cherimoya	T0.5
Cereal grains [except rice; rice husked; rice, polished, sorghum]	*0.01
Custard apple	T0.5
Ilama	T0.5
Litchi	T3
Longans	T3
Mango	T0.7
Papaya	T0.7
Passionfruit	T1
Persimmon, Japanese	T1
Pome fruits [except Persimmon, Japanese]	0.5
Soursop	T0.5
Stone fruits [except cherries; jujube, Chinese]	1
Sugar apple	T0.5

Agvet chemical: Trifloxystrobin*Permitted residue: Sum of trifloxystrobin and its acid metabolite ((E,E)-methoxyimino-[2-[1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-ethylideneaminooxymethyl]phenyl] acetic acid), expressed as trifloxystrobin equivalents*

Stone fruits [except jujube, Chinese]	5
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[1.2] inserting for each of the following chemicals the foods and associated MRLs in alphabetical order

Agvet chemical: Acetamiprid

Permitted residue – commodities of plant origin: Acetamiprid

Permitted residue – commodities of animal origin: Sum of acetamiprid and N-demethyl acetamiprid (E-N'-[(6-chloro-3-pyridyl)methyl]-N'-cyanoacetamidine), expressed as acetamiprid

Cherries (subgroup)	2
Citrus fruits	1
Peaches (subgroup)	1
Plums (subgroup)	0.5

Agvet chemical: Bifenthrin

Permitted residue: Bifenthrin

Citrus fruits	*0.05
Common bean (dry) (navy bean)	0.2
Mung bean (dry)	T0.2
Pulses [except common bean (dry); mung bean (dry)]	*0.02

Agvet chemical: Cyfluthrin

Permitted residue: Cyfluthrin, sum of isomers

Pomegranate	T0.1
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Agvet chemical: Dithiocarbamates

Permitted residue: Total dithiocarbamates, determined as carbon disulphide evolved during acid digestion and expressed as milligrams of carbon disulphide per kilogram of food

Pomegranate	T5
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Agvet chemical: Flazasulfuron

Permitted residue: Flazasulfuron

Citrus fruits	*0.01
Edible offal (mammalian)	*0.01
Eggs	*0.01
Grapes	*0.01
Meat (mammalian)	*0.01
Milks	*0.01
Olives for oil production	*0.01
Poultry meat	*0.01
Poultry, edible offal of	*0.01
Table olives	*0.01

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*

Citrus fruits	1
Stone fruits [except cherries]	2
Persimmon, Japanese	1.5
Root and tuber vegetables	T0.2
Tomatoes (subgroup)	T1.5

Agvet chemical: Methoxyfenozide*Permitted residue: Methoxyfenozide*

Chick-pea (dry)	2
Citrus fruits	3
Eggs	*0.01
Maize	*0.02
Mung bean (dry)	0.5
Poultry, edible offal of	*0.01
Poultry meat (in the fat)	*0.01
Soya bean (dry)	0.9

Agvet chemical: Procymidone*Permitted residue: Procymidone*

Cherries	7
Stone fruits [except cherries]	2

Agvet chemical: Spinetoram*Permitted residue: Sum of Ethyl-spinosyn-J and Ethyl-spinosyn-L*

Pome fruits	0.1
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Agvet chemical: Sulfoxaflor*Permitted residue: Sulfoxaflor*

Assorted tropical and sub-tropical fruits – inedible peel [except banana and pineapple]	0.5
Barley, similar grains, and pseudocereals with husks [except oats]	0.2
Carob	5
Citrus fruits	0.7
Herbs	20
Mustard seeds	T0.15

Agvet chemical: Sulfoxaflor

Oats	*0.01
Pome fruits	0.5
Sorghum grain and millet	0.15
Stone fruits [except cherries]	1
Wheat, similar grains, and pseudocereals without husks	0.05

Agvet chemical: Trifloxystrobin

Permitted residue: Sum of trifloxystrobin and its acid metabolite ((E,E)-methoxyimino-[2-[1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-ethylideneamino]oxymethyl]phenyl] acetic acid), expressed as trifloxystrobin equivalents

Persimmon, Japanese	1.5
Stone fruits	5

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

Agvet chemical: Acetamiprid

Permitted residue – commodities of plant origin: Acetamiprid

Permitted residue – commodities of animal origin: Sum of acetamiprid and N-demethyl acetamiprid ((E)-N1-[(6-chloro-3-pyridyl)methyl]-N2-cyanoacetamidine), expressed as acetamiprid

Cotton seed	0.2
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Agvet chemical: Methoxyfenozide

Permitted residue: Methoxyfenozide

Cotton seed	2
Edible offal (mammalian)	0.05
Meat (mammalian) (in the fat)	0.1

Agvet chemical: Procymidone

Permitted residue: Procymidone

Edible offal (mammalian)	0.05
Eggs	*0.01
Garlic	5
Lupin (dry)	*0.01
Meat (mammalian) (in the fat)	0.2
Milks	0.02
Onion, bulb	0.2
Potato	0.2
Poultry meat (in the fat)	*0.01
Poultry, edible offal of	*0.01

Agvet chemical: Procymidone

Rape seed (canola)	0.5
Rape seed (canola) oil, crude	2
Wine grapes	5

Agvet chemical: Spinetoram

Permitted residue: Sum of Ethyl-spinosyn-J and Ethyl-spinosyn-L

Maize cereals	*0.01
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Agvet chemical: Sulfoxaflor

Permitted residue: Sulfoxaflor

Cane berries	1.5
Edible offal (mammalian)	2
Meat (mammalian)	0.7
Pineapple	0.2
Poultry, edible offal of	0.02
Rape seed (canola)	0.15
Strawberry	0.7

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 and surveys. Technical information should be in sufficient detail to allow independent scientific assessment.

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

Submissions must be received by 21 February 2023. Submissions received after this deadline will only be considered by prior arrangement or 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.

Please note: submissions will be published on the APVMA's website, unless you have asked for the submission to remain confidential, or if the APVMA chooses at its discretion not to publish any submissions received (refer to the [public consultation coversheet](#)).

Please lodge your submission using the [public consultation coversheet](#), which provides options for how your submission will be published.

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