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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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Variations to Schedule 20 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code

The APVMA has previously gazetted particular amendments which it had made to the APVMA *MRL Standard* and which have been proposed as variations to maximum residue limits (MRLs) for substances contained in agricultural and veterinary chemical products as set out as in Standard 1.4.2—Maximum Residue Limits of the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*. This notice pertains the Standard 1.4.2 Maximum Residue Limits of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code Instrument gazetted on 12 January 2016 and proposal (No. 10) gazetted on 3 November 2015 (No. APVMA 22).

Submissions have been sought on these proposals and the APVMA has written separately to each person or organisation that made a submission. All matters raised in the submissions have been resolved.

On 1 March 2016, Schedule 20—Maximum residue limits commences. This replaces Schedule 1 of Standard 1.4.2. Under subsection 82(1) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*, the APVMA has, by legislative instrument, incorporated these variations to MRLs into Schedule 20. A copy of the Amendment Instrument (No. APVMA 1, 2016) accompanies this notice. For a complete and up-to-date version of Schedule 20, including these amendments together with their Explanatory Statement, please refer to the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments available on the Comlaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

Based on dietary exposure assessments and current health standards, the APVMA and FSANZ are satisfied that these MRLs are not harmful to public health. 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 by minimising residues in foods consistent with the effective control of pests and diseases.

The Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand 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.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) made Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) notification to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in relation to these variations and no comment was received in response to that notice.

A copy of these variations have been given to FSANZ.

The variations take effect as from the date of this notice and immediately after the *Food Standards (Proposal M1013xSchedule 20—MRLs—Consequential & Corrective Amendments) Variation* takes effect.

This notice is published in accordance with subsection 82(7) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*.

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***Australia New Zealand Food Standards
Code —
Schedule 20—Maximum residue limits
Variation Instrument No. APVMA 1, 2016***

I, Kareena Arthy, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, acting in accordance with my powers under subsection 11(1) of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992*, make this instrument for the purposes of subsection 82(1) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*.

Kareena Arthy
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

Dated this 18th day of February 2016

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code—Schedule 20—Maximum residue limits Variation Instrument No. APVMA 1, 2016*.

2 Commencement

In accordance with subsection 82(8) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*, this instrument commences on 1 March 2016 which is the day a copy of it will be published in the *Gazette*. This instrument takes effect on that day immediately after the *Food Standards (Proposal M1013—Schedule 20—MRLs—Consequential & Corrective Amendments) Variation* takes effect.

Note: A copy of this instrument will be published in the Commonwealth of Australia *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Special Gazette*, 1 March 2016.

3 Object

The object of this instrument is for the APVMA to make variations to Schedule 20—Maximum residue limits in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* to include or change maximum residue limits pertaining to agricultural and veterinary chemical products.

4 Interpretation

In this instrument:—

APVMA means the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority established by section 6 of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992*; and

Principal Instrument means Schedule 20 — Maximum residue limits in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standard Code* as defined in Section 4 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* being the Code published in *Gazette* No. P 27 on 27 August 1987 together with any amendments of the standards in that Code. Schedule 20 was published in the *Food Standards Gazette* FSC 96 on Thursday 10 April 2015 and was registered as a legislative instrument on 1 April 2015 F2015L00468.

Part 2 Variations to Schedule 20—Maximum Residue Limits

5 Variations to Schedule 20

The Schedule to this instrument sets out the variations made to the Principal Instrument by this instrument.

Schedule

Variations to Schedule 20—Maximum residue limits

[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: Propachlor

Permitted residue: Sum of propachlor and metabolites hydrolysable to N-isopropylaniline, expressed as propachlor

Brassica leafy vegetables	T*0.05
Chard	T*0.02
Rucola (rocket)	T*0.05
Spinach	T*0.02

Agvet chemical: Pymetrozine

Permitted residue: Pymetrozine

Egg plant	T0.05
Peppers, sweet	T0.3
Tomato	T0.2

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

Agvet chemical: Abamectin

Permitted residue: Sum of avermectin B1a, avermectin B1b and (Z)-8,9 avermectin B1a, and (Z)-8,9 avermectin B1b

Macadamia nuts	T*0.01
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Agvet chemical: Azoxystrobin

Permitted residue: Azoxystrobin

Chard (silverbeet)	T3
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Agvet chemical: Chlorothalonil

Permitted residue—commodities of plant origin: Chlorothalonil

Permitted residue—commodities of animal origin: 4-hydroxy-2,5,6-trichloroisophthalonitrile metabolite, expressed as chlorothalonil

Pistachio nut	T0.1
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Agvet chemical: Clothianidin

Permitted residue: Clothianidin

Blueberries	T*0.01
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Agvet chemical: Cyazofamid

Permitted residue: Cyazofamid

Broccoli	2
Edible offal (mammalian)	*0.01
Eggs	*0.01
Meat (mammalian)	*0.01
Milks	*0.01
Potato	*0.01
Poultry, edible offal of	*0.01
Poultry meat	*0.01

Agvet chemical: Flumioxazin

Permitted residue: Flumioxazin

Sugar cane	*0.01
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Agvet chemical: Imidacloprid

Permitted residue: Sum of imidacloprid and metabolites containing the 6-chloropyridinylmethylene moiety, expressed as imidacloprid

Beetroot leaves	T1
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Agvet chemical: Propachlor

Permitted residue: Sum of propachlor and metabolites hydrolysable to N-isopropylaniline, expressed as propachlor

Leafy vegetables [except lettuce, head; lettuce, leaf]	T1
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Agvet chemical: Pymetrozine

Permitted residue: Pymetrozine

Fruiting vegetables, other than cucurbits [except mushroom; sweet corn]	0.5
Mizuna	5

Agvet chemical: Spinetoram

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

Chia	T0.05
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Agvet chemical: Tebuconazole

Permitted residue: Tebuconazole

Almonds	*0.01
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[1.3] omitting for each of the following chemicals, the maximum residue limit for the food and substituting

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

Banana	T15
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Agvet chemical: Methabenzthiazuron

Permitted residue: Methabenzthiazuron

Onion, Welsh	T0.5
Shallot	T0.5
Spring onion	T0.5

Agvet chemical: Pymetrozine

Permitted residue: Pymetrozine

Almonds	*0.01
Brassica (cole or cabbage) vegetables, head cabbages, flowerhead brassicas	0.5
Celery	0.2
Fruiting vegetables, cucurbits	1
Leafy vegetables	5
Pistachio nut	*0.01
Sweet corn (corn-on-the-cob)	*0.01

Agvet chemical: Trichlorfon

Permitted residue: Trichlorfon

Pepino	T5
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