

**20 July 2018**  
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## **Administrative assessment report –Proposal M1016**

### **Maximum Residue Limits (2018)**

<b>Brief Description of Proposal:</b> To consider varying certain maximum residue limits (MRLs) for residues of specified agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals that may occur in food commodities.		<b>Potentially affected standard:</b>  Schedule 20 of the Code
<b>Procedure:</b> General	<b>Estimated total hours:</b> Maximum 1000 hours  <b>Reasons why:</b> Involves assessment of the public health and safety risk of residues of the requested agvet chemicals in the specified food commodities to Australian consumers.	<b>Provisional estimated start work:</b> Mid-July 2018

#### **Other Comments or Relevant Matters:**

The Proposal will consider varying certain MRLs in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code) to align with those established by Codex or trading partner standards for the requested agvet chemicals for food import purposes.

This is a routine process that allows the sale of imported food commodities with legitimate residues of agvet chemicals used in their production. The use is consistent with international regulations for the safe and effective use of the agvet chemicals based on good agricultural practice.

This Proposal also includes consideration of MRL variations requested by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). The APVMA requests are predominantly deletions, however some reductions or additions of MRLs are included. There may also be inclusions of new food commodities in Schedule 20, following the completion of chemical reviews.

#### **Decision**

**Proposal prepared**

Date: 17 July 2018

**Consultation & assessment timeframe**

**Proposed length of public consultation period:**

30 days (Domestic)

60 days (WTO member countries)

**Proposed timeframe for assessment:**

Commence assessment (clock start)	Late-July 2018
Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food regulatory measure	Late September 2018
Public comment	Early Dec 2018/ Feb 2019
Board to complete approval	Early June 2019
to Forum	Mid-June 2019
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late September 2019