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19 February 2008

MRL PROPOSAL – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT

M1001	Date Administrative Assessment Completed (proposal prepared):	
Title: Maximum Residue Limits (September, October, November, December 2007).	Brief Description of Proposal: To consider incorporating maximum residue limits (MRLs) for agricultural and veterinary chemicals that may legitimately occur in food.	Potentially Affected Standard in the Code: Standard 1.4.2.
Procedure: General Procedure	Cost Category (General Procedure): Up to 500 hours. Estimated total hours: 400	Estimated start work: 1 st Qtr 2008.
Reasons why: FSANZ Act s.81 Subdivision H – Variations of the Maximum Residue Limit Standard and Regulation 10 – one round of public consultation apply.	Reasons why: Varying maximum residue limits	

Other Comments or Relevant Matters:

This Proposal seeks to amend MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in the Code. This is a routine process to consider appropriate MRLs for chemical residues which may legitimately occur in food.

This Proposal includes consideration of MRLs gazetted by the APVMA in September, October, November and December 2007. This includes consideration of MRLs for the antimicrobial substance tulathromycin in cattle and pig commodities.

This Proposal also includes consideration of incorporating an MRL for oxytetracycline for prawns in the Standard. Oxytetracycline is an antimicrobial substance. The need for this MRL was identified in a submission on the Application A608 MRLs Oxytetracycline (Antibiotic) Initial / Draft Assessment Report. Varying the Standard as requested was beyond the scope of the Application. FSANZ undertook to consider the MRL in a proposal to allow public consultation on including it in the Code.

DECISION

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CONSULTATION & ASSESSMENT TIMEFRAME

<p>Consultation Strategy:</p> <p>Proposed length of public consultation period: Modified General Procedure (4 weeks)</p>	<p>Community Involvement Category:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Minor significance or complexity</p>												
<p>Proposed Timeframe for Assessment:</p> <p>'Early Bird Notification' due: N/A</p> <p><u>General Procedure:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Commence Assessment (clock start)</td> <td>Mid-February 2008</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Completion of Assessment</td> <td>Late February 2008</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public comment</td> <td>Late February 2008 – late March 2008</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Board to complete Approval</td> <td>Mid-April 2008</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Notification to Ministerial Council</td> <td>Late April 2008</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anticipated gazettal if no review requested</td> <td>Early July 2008</td> </tr> </table>		Commence Assessment (clock start)	Mid-February 2008	Completion of Assessment	Late February 2008	Public comment	Late February 2008 – late March 2008	Board to complete Approval	Mid-April 2008	Notification to Ministerial Council	Late April 2008	Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early July 2008
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