

**16 June 2016**

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**Administrative Assessment Report –Proposal M1014**

Maximum Residue Limits (2016)

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| **Brief Description of Proposal:**  To consider varying certain maximum residue limits for residues of agricultural and veterinary chemicals that may occur in food. | | **Potentially affected standard:**  Schedule 20 |
| **Procedure:**  General | **Estimated total hours:**  Maximum 1000 hours  **Reasons why:**  Involves an assessment of the risk to public health and safety of a number of chemicals and commodities | **Provisional estimated start work:**  Early June 2016 |

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| **Other Comments or Relevant Matters:**  This Proposal will consider varying certain maximum residue limits (MRLs) in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code) following a number requests to harmonise with MRLs in the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Instrument No.4 (MRL Standard) 2012 and MRLs established overseas. This Proposal includes consideration of MRL variations from the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and other interested parties. This is a routine process, both to allow the sale of food with legitimate residues and to remove limits that are no longer required.  In February 2012, FSANZ agreed to consider and consult on APVMA chemical review-related MRL variations in the Code, rather than the APVMA performing this role. This Proposal includes consideration of paraquat, which is currently under review by the APVMA. This Proposal also includes consideration of MRL variations requested by the APVMA that result from regulatory decisions following the completion of APVMA reviews of the chemicals: fenthion, carbendazim, carbaryl, dichlorvos and fenamiphos.  MRL variations for an anti-fungal (natamycin) and antimicrobial chemicals (nicarbazin and virginiamycin) will also be considered as part of this Proposal in consultation with the APVMA. |

***Decision***

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| **Proposal prepared**  Date: 8 June 2016 |

***Consultation & assessment timeframe***

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| **Proposed length of public consultation period:**  4 weeks |
| **Proposed timeframe for assessment:**  Commence assessment (clock start) Late June 2016  Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Mid-October 2016  Public comment Late October – Late  November 2016  Board to complete approval Early March 2017  Notification to Forum Mid-March 2017  Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Late May 2017 |