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New Pesticide Tolerance Regulations Go into Effect in June 1999

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Report Highlights:

The Taiwan Bureau of Standard Metrology and Inspection will begin enforcing new pesticide tolerance standards in June 1999. The tolerance for all pesticides for which residue levels have not been established will be zero. Fruit and vegetable exports not meeting official standards will not be allowed entry into Taiwan.

On February 10, 1999 the central Taiwan authorities notified the U.S. Government that new pesticide residue tolerance regulations will be implemented for fruit and vegetable imports beginning June 1999. Imports of fruit and vegetables are routinely sampled by the Taiwan Bureau of Standard Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) for pesticide residues. (Until January 1999 BSMI was known as the Bureau of Commodity Inspection and Quarantine or BCIQ). The results of these tests have been used for reference only, and not as criteria to reject imports. After new BSMI regulations go into effect in June 1999, all fruit and vegetable imports will be subject to mandatory inspection for pesticide residues. Imports that fail to comply with Taiwan's tolerance levels will be rejected. Zero residue tolerance will be enforced for all pesticides for which no standards are in place by June 1999.

Following is the list of residue tolerances that are currently approved by the Taiwan authorities:

Pesticide	Product	Tolerance (Ppm)
Captan	All Crops	banned
Dicloran	Dried Peas and Beans	0.1
Dicloran	Leafy Vegetables	2.0
Dicloran	Mushroom & Food Fungus	2.0
Dicloran	Pome Fruit*	5.0
Endosulfan	Dried Peas and Beans	0.5
Endosulfan	Head Vegetables	2.0
Endosulfan`	Leafy Green	2.0
Iprodione	Miscellaneous Grain	1.0
Iprodione	Leafy Greens	7.0
Iprodione	Legume Vegetables	5.0
Iprodione	Small Berry Fruit*	5.0
Iprodione	Pome Fruit*	5.0
Iprodione	Nuts	5.0
Iprodione	Rice	3.0
Iprodione	Head Vegetables	7.0
Iprodione	Root Vegetables	5.0
Parathion-Methyl	Rice	0.5
Parathion-Methyl	Miscellaneous Grain	0.5
Phosmet	Rice	1.0

Phosmet	Head Vegetables	1.0
Phosmet	Leafy Greens	1.0
Phosmet	Fruit Vegetable	1.0
Phosmet	Citrus (pulp)	0.5
Phosmet	Citrus (peel)	3.0
Phosmet	Legume Vegetables	1.0
Phosmet	Squash/Cucumber Vegetables	1.0
Phosmet	Root Vegetables	0.5
Vinclozolin	Leafy Greens	5.0
Vinclozolin	Small Berry Fruit**	8.0
Vinclozolin	Head Vegetables	5.0
Vinclozolin	Fruit Vegetables	3.0
Vinclozolin	Legume Vegetables	3.0
Vinclozolin	Root Vegetables	0.5

* includes apples, pears, peaches, plums, Japanese apricots, and cherries.

** includes grapes, strawberries, carambolas, persimmons, wax apples and guava.

U.S. producers for the Taiwan market who use pesticides for which official Taiwan tolerances have not been established will need to switch to pesticides for which Taiwan standards exist, or will need to request that the Taiwan Department of Health establish tolerances for them. U.S. fruit and vegetable exporters and producers should work closely with their Taiwan importers when filing these requests in order to ensure conformity with all requirements and procedures. Processing these requests takes from four to six months. Below, please find a description of the information that is required by the Taiwan authorities to establish pesticide tolerance levels, and the person at the Taiwan Department of Health to contact concerning fruit and vegetable pesticide residue matters:

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To establish pesticide residue tolerances for fruit and vegetables, the following information is required:

For a New Pesticide Not Registered on Taiwan

- Residue Chemistry Data:
 - Product Chemistry Data
 - Metabolism in Plants And Animals
 - Residue Field Trial Data
 - Analytical Methods
 - Processing Data
 - Feeding Studies
- A Full Package of Toxicological Studies

For a New Use of a Registered Pesticide:

- Metabolism in Plant
- Residue Field Trial Data
- Analytical Method