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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Plant health products for agricultural use

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The order lays down the maximum permissible levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals intended for human consumption:

? laid down by the Community within the framework of European harmonisation, by Commission Directives 2000/81/EC and 2000/82/EC

? proposed by the Commission for the study of toxicity of antiparasitic products for agricultural use in the absence of European harmonisation, during 1999 and 2000.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The calculation of risks for the consumer was assessed for each substance. The calculation involves the ratio between exposure (through consumption and the calculation of the theoretical maximum daily amount) and risk (through the permissible daily amount in relation to the weight of the consumer concerned). This ratio must be less than 100 and if this is not the case, the medians from residue tests or the transfer factors are used to reach a more realistic estimate. When the estimated daily amount exceeds the permissible daily amount, the manufacturers of the substance are asked to stop certain uses in order to set their maximum residue limit at the detection threshold.

The consumers concerned are:

babies of 4 months weighing 6.2 Kg, adult consumers with a diet close to the average and those with an extreme diet (95th percentile). The consumption of foodstuffs by adults and babies is given by the French Observatory for food consumption, through a Sofres survey carried out in 1989.

For adults, calculations were made for 90% of the permissible daily amount (10% of the permissible daily amount is left for beverages). For babies, the recommendations of the French Higher Council for Public Health were followed, taking 50% of the permissible daily amount for substances whose risk rating is R40 or R48 and 90% for other substances, in order to take into account the increased frailty of children in the early stages of development.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Commission Directive 2000/82/EC of 20 December 2000 amending Annex II to Council Directive 86/362/EEC on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals
- Commission Directive 2000/81/EC of 18 December 2000 amending Annex II to Council Directive 86/362/EEC on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals
- Consumer Code, in particular Article L.214-1 thereof.
- Decree No 71-644 of 30 July 1971 implementing the amended Act of 1 August 1905 on permissible residues of products used in agriculture and animal rearing in foodstuffs and beverages.
- Order of 10 February 1989 on the maximum permissible levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals intended for human consumption.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures



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