

Proposal M1008 Maximum Residue Limits (2012)

General Procedure

Summary

The Call for Submissions contains insufficient risk assessment information to enable the NSW Food Authority to offer comment on Proposal M1008.

Specific Issues

Previous proposals (M1005, M1006, M1007) to modify Standard 1.4.2 and address harmonisation requests provided information on risk by way of summarising the dietary exposure assessment for each of the modifications. In the absence of the full assessments or any summary, informed comment on the new or revised MRL proposals cannot be made.

The NSW Food Authority acknowledges that the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority is in the process of undertaking full reviews of carbendazim and dimethoate. Dietary risk assessment reports for these chemicals are available on the APVMA website. However, the foods listed differ from those in M1008 and it seems that M1008 may consider a broader range of foods, taking into account imported products.

FSANZ is encouraged to make the dietary exposure assessments and/or summaries that underpin the MRL determinations available for all chemicals listed in M1008.

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The views expressed in this submission may or may not accord with those of other NSW Government agencies. The NSW Food Authority has a policy which encourages the full range of NSW agency views to be submitted during the standards development stages before final assessment. Other relevant NSW Government agencies are aware of and agree with this policy.