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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS ON

PROPOSAL M1018 – MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS 2020

NOTIFICATION CIRCULAR 149-21

The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc. (AHBIC) is the peak body for the beekeeping industry in Australia. It is made up of the Queensland Beekeepers Association Inc., New South Wales Apiarists Association Inc., Victorian Apiarists Association Inc., Tasmanian Beekeepers Association Inc., South Australian Apiarists Association Inc., Bee Industry Council of Western Australia Inc., Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association Inc., Honey Packers and Marketeers Association of Australia Inc., National Council of Crop Pollinators and the Amateur Beekeepers Association of New South Wales. Further information on AHBIC can be found at our webpage www.honeybee.org.au

The proposal in the *proposal M1018* is for a new MRL of 0.2mg/kg be listed for glyphosate in honey.

AHBIC submits that this should be changed to 0.05mg/kg. This is in line with the original request submitted by AHBIC to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

AHBIC understands that the MRL for glyphosate in honey in the European Union (EU) is 0.05mg/kg. By setting Australia at the same level this will bring us in line if ever the EU asks for glyphosate to be included in the National Residue Survey (NRS).

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