

Comments by the Departments of Environment & Primary Industries and Health, Victoria

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The Victorian Departments of Environment & Primary Industries and Health welcome the opportunity to provide comments on Proposal M1010 – Maximum Residue Limits.

We note that FSANZ is committed to ensuring that the implications of MRL variations are considered. The availability of a range of agricultural and veterinary chemicals is vital to Victoria's primary producers, who use these products to control pests to produce commodities of premium yield and quality for supply to export and domestic markets.

This is a routine proposal to reflect APVMA agricultural and veterinary chemical use variations in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code and to address the MRL requests of industry and international trading partners. From our perspective, the proposed MRLs do not present any public health or safety concerns, based on the dietary exposure estimates provided by FSANZ.

The departments note that this proposal is also removing certain MRLs from the Food Standards Code because there are no longer any permitted uses for these chemicals in Australia. The removals apply to the chemicals daminozide, endosulfan and parathion-methyl. On the basis that these chemicals do not pose an unacceptable risk to public health and safety, FSANZ should ensure that it considers any implications for importers of produce from countries where these chemicals are permitted to be used.

On this basis, the departments support the proposal.