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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC¹, and in particular Article 14(1)(a) and Article 49(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) For aminopyralid and chlorantraniliprole, maximum residue levels (MRLs) were set in Part A of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. For 6-benzyladenine, no MRLs were set in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005, and as that active substance is not included in Annex IV to that Regulation, the default value of 0.01 mg/kg laid down in Article 18(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 applies.
- (2) For 6-benzyladenine, the European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') submitted a reasoned opinion on the existing MRLs in accordance with Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005². It recommended setting MRLs at the limit of determination ('LOD'). Those MRLs should be set in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.
- (3) For aminopyralid, the Authority submitted a reasoned opinion on the existing MRLs in accordance with Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005³. It proposed to change the residue definition for commodities of plant origin. It recommended lowering the MRLs for poultry fat. For other products, it recommended raising or keeping the existing MRLs. The MRLs for those products should be set in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 at the existing level or the level identified by the Authority.

¹ OJ L 070, 16.3.2005, p. 1.

² European Food Safety Authority; Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for 6-benzyladenine according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2020; 18(7): 6220.

³ European Food Safety Authority; Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for aminopyralid according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2020; 18(8): 6229.

- (4) For chlorantraniliprole, the Authority submitted a reasoned opinion on the existing MRLs in accordance with Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005⁴. It recommended lowering the MRLs for almonds, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, chestnuts, coconuts, hazelnuts/cobnuts, macadamias, pecans, pine nut kernels, pistachios, walnuts, apples, pears, quinces, medlars, loquats/Japanese medlars, sweet corn, cauliflowers, celeries, coffee beans and muscle (swine, bovine, sheep, goat and equine). For other products, it recommended raising or keeping the existing MRLs. The MRLs for those products should be set in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 at the existing level or the level identified by the Authority. The Authority further concluded that concerning the MRLs for sweet peppers/bell peppers, melons, watermelons, grape leaves and similar species, peanuts/groundnuts, sunflower seeds and rapeseeds/canola seeds some information was not available and that further consideration by risk managers was required. As there is no risk for consumers, the MRLs for those products should be set in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 at the existing level or the level identified by the Authority. These MRLs will be reviewed; the review will take into account the information available within two years from the publication of this Regulation.
- (5) Existing Codex maximum residue limits (CXLs) were taken into account in the reasoned opinions of the Authority. CXLs, which are safe for consumers in the Union, were considered for MRL setting.
- (6) As regards products on which the use of the plant protection product concerned is not authorised, and for which no import tolerances or CXLs exist, MRLs should be set at the specific LOD or the default MRL should apply, as provided for in Article 18(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.
- (7) The Commission consulted the European Union reference laboratories for residues of pesticides as regards the need to adapt certain LODs. As regards several substances concerned by this Regulation, those laboratories concluded that for certain commodities technical development requires the setting of specific LODs.
- (8) Based on the reasoned opinions of the Authority and taking into account the factors relevant to the matter under consideration, the appropriate modifications to the MRLs fulfil the requirements of Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.
- (9) Through the World Trade Organisation, the trading partners of the Union were consulted on the new MRLs and their comments have been taken into account.
- (10) Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (11) In order to allow for the normal marketing, processing and consumption of products, this Regulation should provide for a transitional arrangement for products which have been produced before the modification of the MRLs and for which information shows that a high level of consumer protection is maintained.
- (12) A reasonable period should be allowed to elapse before the modified MRLs become applicable in order to permit Member States, third countries and food business operators to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements which will result from the modification of the MRLs.

⁴ European Food Safety Authority; Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for chlorantraniliprole according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal 2020; 18(9): 6235.

(13) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,
HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as it stood before being amended by this Regulation shall continue to apply to products which were produced in the Union or imported into the Union before [*Office of Publication: please insert date 6 months after entry into force*].

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from [*Office of Publication: please insert date 6 months after entry into force*].

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN