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Variations to the Maximum Residue Limits Standard under the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code

The APVMA has previously gazetted particular amendments which it had made to the APVMA MRL Standard and which have been proposed as variations to maximum residue limits (MRLs) for substances contained in agricultural and veterinary chemical products as set out as in Schedule 20 – Maximum residue limits of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. This notice pertains to proposals gazetted on 25 August 2026 (No. APVMA 17) and 20 October 2026 (No. APVMA 21).

Submissions were sought on the proposals subject to the standard consultation process. No submissions were received.

Under subsection 82(1) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*, the APVMA has, by legislative instrument, incorporated these variations to MRLs into Schedule 20. A copy of the Amendment Instrument (No. APVMA 6, 2026) accompanies this notice. For a complete and up-to-date version of Schedule 20, including these amendments together with their Explanatory Statement, please refer to the Federal Register of Legislation.

Based on dietary exposure assessments and current health standards, the APVMA and Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) are satisfied that these MRLs are not harmful to public health. MRLs contained in Schedule 20 provide the limits for residues of agricultural and veterinary chemicals that may legitimately occur in foods. By this means, Schedule 20 permits the sale of treated foods and protects public health by minimising residues in foods consistent with the effective control of pests and diseases.

The agreement between the Australian Government and the New Zealand Government concerning a Joint Food Standards System, excludes MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food from the system setting joint food standards. Australia and New Zealand independently and separately develop MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food.

A Sanitary and Phytosanitary notification to the World Trade Organization (WTO) was also made in relation to the variations to MRLs in Schedule 20 and no comment was received in response to that notice.

A separate WTO notification was made under emergency procedures in relation to the proposed MRL variation for metalaxyl in strawberry. Accordingly, the usual WTO consultation period was not required before proceeding with its inclusion in this variation to Schedule 20.

A copy of these variations have been given to FSANZ.

The variations take effect as from the date of this notice.

This notice is published in accordance with subsection 82(7) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*.

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Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code — Schedule 20 — Maximum residue limits Variation Instrument No. APVMA 6, 2026

I, Edward Cram, delegate of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, acting in accordance with my powers under subsection 11(1) of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992*, make this instrument for the purposes of subsection 82(1) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*.

Edward Cram

Delegate of the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

Dated this eighteenth day of November 2026

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code — Schedule 20 — Maximum residue limits Variation Instrument No. APVMA 6, 2026* (Amendment Instrument*)*.

2 Commencement

In accordance with subsection 82(8) of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*, this instrument commences on the day it is published in the *Gazette.*

Note: A copy of the variations made by the Amendment Instrument was published in the Commonwealth of Australia Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Gazette.

3 Object

The object of this instrument is for the APVMA to make variations to Schedule 20 – Maximum residue limits in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* to include or change maximum residue limits pertaining to agricultural and veterinary chemical products.

4 Interpretation

In this instrument: —

APVMA means the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority established by section 6 of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992*; and

Principal Instrument means Schedule 20**–**Maximum residue limits in the Australia New Zealand Food Standard Code as defined in Section 4 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* being the Code published in *Gazette* No. P 27 on 27 August 1987 together with any amendments of the standards in that Code. Schedule 20 was published in the *Food Standards Gazette* FSC 96 on Thursday 10 April 2015 and was registered as a legislative instrument on 1 April 2015 (F2015L00468).

Part 2 Variations to Schedule 20– Maximum Residue Limits

5 Variations to Schedule 20

The Schedule to this instrument sets out the variations made to the Principal Instrument by this instrument.

Schedule

Variations to Schedule 20 – Maximum residue limits

[1] Section S20—3

Repeal, the corresponding permitted residue(s), food commodities and associated MRLs:

Agvet chemical: 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene	
Permitted residue—commodities of plant origin: 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene *Permitted maximum residue—commodities of animal origin, except milk: sum of 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene and metabolite 4-methyl-1-naphthoic acid (M23), expressed as 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene*	
Edible offal (mammalian)	0.5
Eggs	0.03
Mammalian fats (except milk fats)	0.03
Meat (mammalian)	0.03
Milks	0.03
Potato	20
Poultry, edible offal of	0.2
Poultry fats	0.3
Poultry meat	0.3

Insert in alphabetical order the following chemicals, the corresponding permitted residue(s), food commodities and associated MRLs:

Agvet chemical: 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene	
Permitted residue — commodities of plant origin: 1,4-dimethlnaphthalene *Permitted residue — commodities of animal origin, except milk: sum of 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene and metabolite 4-methyl-1-naphthoic acid (M23), expressed as 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene.* *Milk: glycine conjugate of 4-methyl-1-naphthoic acid (Gly-M23).*	
Edible offal (mammalian)	0.5
Eggs	0.03
Mammalian fats (except milk fats)	0.03
Meat (mammalian)	0.03
Milks	0.03
Potato	20
Poultry, edible offal of	0.2
Poultry fats	0.3
Poultry meat	0.3

[2] Section S20—3

Repeal, the corresponding permitted residue(s), food commodities and associated MRLs:

Agvet chemical: Carboxin	
Permitted residue: Carboxin	
Cereal grains [except sweet corns]	0.1
Peanut	0.2

Insert in alphabetical order the following chemicals, the corresponding permitted residue(s), food commodities and associated MRLs:

Agvet chemical: Carboxin	
Permitted residue — Sum of carboxin and its metabolites carboxin sulfoxide and carboxin sulfone, expressed as carboxin	
Cereal grains [except sweet corns]	0.1
Edible offal (mammalian)	T0.1
Eggs	*0.03
Meat (mammalian)	*0.03
Milks	*0.03
Peanut	0.2
Poultry, edible offal of	*0.03
Poultry meat	*0.03

[3] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Cyantraniliprole)

Repeal:

Common beans (pods and/or immature seeds)	T1
Succulent seeds of Beans with pods	0.3
Succulent seeds of Peas with pods	0.3

[4] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Cyantraniliprole)

Insert:

Leafy vegetables [except lettuce, head]	6
Legume vegetables [except peas with pods (subgroup)]	0.4
Lettuce, head	1.5
Psyllium	*0.01

[5] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Cyantraniliprole)

Repeal:

Edible offal (mammalian)	0.05
Meat (mammalian) (in the fat)	*0.01

Substitute:

Edible offal (mammalian)	0.1
Meat (mammalian) (in the fat)	0.03

[6] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Diafenthiuron)

Repeal:

Cereal grains	T*0.01

[7] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Diafenthiuron)

Insert:

Cereal grains [except psyllium]	T*0.01
Leafy vegetables [except lettuce, head]	8
Legume vegetables	0.9
Lettuce, head	4
Potato	*0.03
Psyllium	*0.03

[8] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Diafenthiuron)

Repeal:

Meat (mammalian) (in the fat)	*0.02

Substitute:

Meat (mammalian) (in the fat)	0.05

[9] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Fludioxonil)

Repeal:

Beans with pods [except soya beans]	0.8
Beetroot	*0.01
Bulb vegetables [except chives; bulb onions (subgroup)]	3
Peas with pods	0.8

[10] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Fludioxonil)

Insert:

Chives, Chinese	10
Dried chives	70
Garlic chives	10
Green onions [except chives; chives, Chinese; garlic chives]	3
Legume vegetables	1.5
Root and tuber vegetables [except carrot; sugar beet; tuberous and corm vegetables [except potato]]	0.9
Tuberous and corm vegetables [except potato]	0.03

[11] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Fludioxonil)

Repeal:

Chives	T10
Dried herbs	T70
Herbs	T20

Substitute:

Chives	10
Dried herbs	200
Herbs	40

[12] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Imazamox)

Insert:

Chick-pea (dry)	*0.01

[13] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Imazapyr)

Insert:

Chick-pea (dry)	*0.01

[14] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Mandipropamid)

Insert:

Chives	T4
Chives, Chinese	T4
Dried herbs [except basil leaves, dried]	T200
Fennel, bulb	T20
Galangal, rhizomes	T0.02
Garlic chives	T4
Herbs [except basil leaves]	T30
Lemon verbena (dry leaves)	T200
Turmeric, root	T0.02

[15] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Metalaxyl)

Repeal:

Strawberry	0.6

Substitute:

Strawberry	T2

[16] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Penthiopyrad)

Insert:

Fennel, bulb	15
Fennel, leaf	50
Fennel, Spanish	50

[17] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Pydiflumetofen)

Repeal:

Beans with pods	0.7
Peas with pods (subgroup)	1.5
Potato	*0.01
Root and tuber vegetables [except potato]	0.3

[18] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Pydiflumetofen)

Insert:

Dried herbs	150
Herbs	30
Legume vegetables	1.5
Root and tuber vegetables [except tuberous and corm vegetables [except potato, dried]]	0.3
Tuberous and corm vegetables [except potato, dried]	*0.01

[19] Section S20—3 (table entry for Agvet chemical: Spiromesifen)

Omit:

Papaya	0.7

Substitute:

Papaya (pawpaw)	0.7