

Member Update

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TOPIC: New China MRL Standard

DISTRIBUTION: *GTA Members – primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties.*

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Member Update is to inform GTA Members of a new Chinese Maximum Residue Limit Standard anticipated to apply from 3 September 2021.

2. China - New Maximum Residue Limit Standard – GB2763-2021

- China made an announcement in March this year of development of a new Maximum Residue Limit Standard – GB2763-2021 that listed over 10,000 Maximum Residue Limits (MRL).
- Whilst still awaiting the official announcement/release, these new MRLs are anticipated to apply from 3 September 2021.
- This is a short period for implementation, and despite no official notification from China, some Chinese importers are already **requiring compliance with this Maximum Residue Limit Standard**.
- Based on the uptake of the new MRLs by importers industry should expect the Maximum Residue Limit Standard to apply from 3 September 2021.
- A link to an unofficial translation (funded by the governments of Australia, Canada and the USA) is provided here: [Translation of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods Beijing China - People's Republic of 08-22-2021](#).
- Industry should be aware when considering the MRL to apply for an individual chemical, the need to review the MRL listed for a specific commodity or whether a Crop Group applies (listed in Appendix A - *The Food Categories and Parts to be Tested* on **page 471**).

3. Outturn Tolerances

The 2020/21 Chemical Usage and Outturn Tolerances document is currently being updated based on these changes and will shortly be made available to industry. The current version can be found at <https://www.graintrade.org.au/nwpgp/post-harvest-chemicals>

4. Further Information

For further information on these new MRLs to apply, please contact Gerard McMullen, Chair NWPGP at gerard@mcmullengrainagricultural.com