

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Proposal M1010 Amendments

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Question:

In relation to Proposal M1010, can FSANZ provide detailed information on:

- a) what companies or individuals sought amendments
- b) for each company or individual, whether the requests involved new MRLs, increased or decreased existing MRLs
- c) whether any amendments made exceeded Codex MRLs.

Answer:

- a) Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) requests were received from 12 sources. These were:
 - 1. Australian Food and Grocery Council
 - 2. BASF Agricultural Solutions
 - 3. Bayer Crop Science
 - 4. California Citrus Quality Council
 - 5. California Table Grape Commission
 - 6. Cranberry Marketing Committee
 - 7. DuPont Crop Protection
 - 8. Food and Beverage Importers Association
 - 9. Northwest Horticultural Council, in collaboration with the California Fresh Fruit Association and the California Cherry Board
 - 10. US Hop Industry
 - 11. Valent U.S.A Corporation
 - 12. Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.
- b) There were 341 amendments made in M1010, including inserting new MRLs, deleting previous MRLs, increasing and decreasing MRLs. Information on each amendment is detailed in Attachment 1, also available on the FSANZ website at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/M1010maximumresiduelimits.aspx>

- c) Each MRL was compared to the current status in Codex. 25 amendments exceeded the Codex MRL and these are identified by the bold highlighted text in Attachment 1.