

# New Pesticide Management Regulation in China

## Background

China is the biggest manufacturer of pesticides in world, and one of most important exporters of pesticides. The quality and safety of pesticides play important roles not only in agriculture but also in food safety. The New Pesticide Management Regulation, which is the second amendment after its promulgation and implementation in 1997, was adopted by the Chinese State Council in February, and issued on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be implemented on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The New Pesticide Management Regulation has changed drastically compared with the previous version, and is regarded as another milestone in Pesticide management in China. According to the New Regulation, the Ministry of Agriculture will be in charge of pesticide management along the whole chain, including production permit, risk assessment and registration, permission to sell, monitoring and evaluation of registered products, and so on.

Main changes of the Regulation:

- Rationalize the regulatory system
- Strengthen responsibilities
- Abolish temporary registration
- Allow data transfer
- Open commissioned production
- Establish retailer permit
- Strengthen the use guide
- Establish pesticide risk evaluation
- implement recall system
- Identify rules of ban industry

## Relevance to CCPR

The New Regulation greatly concerns Food Safety and Risk Analysis, and places high value on the harmonization with international regulations and guidance on pesticide management procedure and risk assessment methods. Under the New Regulation, the establishment of MRLs will be coordinated with the evaluation and registration of pesticides to ensure food safety and facilitate international trade. Meanwhile, increased transformation of Codex MRLs into National MRLs will be expected under the effects of this New Regulation.

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## Others

Simultaneous interpretation is available for English, French, and Spanish.