NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 11 July 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of New Zealand.

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**Title:** Two year extension of transition period for inhibitor substances listed in the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Inhibitor Substances) Order 2022

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| [X] | Other:  The amendment regulations extend an exemption from registration for certain inhibitor substances listed on the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Inhibitor Substances) Order 2022 by two years from 17 July 2024 to 1 July 2026. |

**Description:** On 18 August 2022, New Zealand notified the TBT Committee of two interim measures and indicated its intent to bring inhibitors under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997 (ACVM Act) (G/TBT/N/114 refers). These interim measures included:

* Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Inhibitor Substances) Order 2022 (the Order) that declares 46 inhibitor substances as 'agricultural compounds' and enables these substances to be registered under the ACVM Act; and
* Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Exemptions and Prohibited Substances) Amendment Regulations 2022 which provided a transition period of two years for the 46 inhibitor substances in the Order.

In May 2024, Government agreed to extend the transition period for the inhibitor substances listed in the Order by two years. This will give more time for agrichemical companies to register their inhibitors under the ACVM Act. This extension of the transition period is operationalised in the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Exemptions and Prohibited Substances) Amendment Regulations 2022 Amendment Regulations 2024 (Amendment Regulations 2024).

You can see the Amendment Regulations 2024 [here](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2024/0133/latest/LMS970034.html?search=ts_act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_agricultural+compounds_resel_25_a&p=1).

As indicated, the relevant changes to the ACVM Act which will add inhibitors to the central definition of 'agricultural compound' were notified in April 2024 under [G/TBT/N/NZL/132](https://www.epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C554&freeText=inhibitors&viewData=%20G%2FTBT%2FN%2FNZL%2F132). As set out in the description, on commencement of the [Regulatory Systems (Primary Industries) Amendment Bill], the interim measure (and therefore it's extension) will be revoked and there will be a one-year transition for agrichemical companies to register their inhibitor substances used in New Zealand under the ACVM Act.

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