AMENDMENTS TO THE MRL STANDARD

The National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (NRA) has overall responsibility for recommendations pertaining to maximum residue limits (MRLs) of pesticides, agricultural chemicals, feed additives, veterinary medicines and associated substances in human foods and primary animal feed commodities.

The MRL Standard lists MRLs of substances which may arise from the approved use of those substances or other substances or from extraneous contamination, and defines the relevant residue definitions to which these MRLs apply.

The NRA, as a consequence of an evaluation process that takes into account studies on chemistry, metabolism, analytical methodology, residues, good agricultural practice and toxicology, will from time to time make recommendations to amend the MRL Standard. It should be noted that relevant recommendations on MRLs are referred to the National Food Authority for incorporation into Standard A14 entitled "Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals in Food."

Note: 

"*" denotes that the maximum residue limit (MRL) has been set at or about the limit of analytical quantitation (see: Residue Guideline No.4, Maximum Residue Limit Proposals 'At or about the Limit of Analytical Quantitation', published in NRA Gazette No.9, p44, 5/9/95).

'T' denotes that the MRL, residue definition or use is temporary to enable further experimental work to be carried out in Australia or overseas, and will be reconsidered at some future date.