NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** NEW ZEALAND  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)  Level 10, Grant Thornton House  215 Lambton Quay  Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay  Wellington 6140  New Zealand  Ph +64 4 916 2426  Email [reassessments@epa.govt.nz](mailto:reassessments@epa.govt.nz)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Standards New Zealand  Ph +64 4 498 5990  [wto@standards.co.nz](mailto:wto@standards.co.nz)  [www.standards.govt.nz](http://www.standards.govt.nz) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** This notification relates to the active ingredient hydrogen cyanamide (CAS No 420-04-2) and one hydrogen cyanamide-containing substance (marketed as six different commercial products).  The HSNO approval numbers for the substances affected by the proposal are HSR002949 (hydrogen cyanamide) and HRC000001 (soluble concentrate containing 520-540 g/L hydrogen cyanamide).  The CS Number is 420-04-2. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Application (APP203974) for a reassessment under section 63 and 63A of the HSNO Act. The application includes the following 7 documents:  · Completed application form, 19 pages, in English  · EPA application report hydrogen cyanamide reassessment, 63 pages, in English  · Appendix B EPA science memo, 19 pages, in English  · Appendix C Māori impact assessment report, 15 pages, in English  · Appendix D Economics assessment report, 31 pages, in English  · Appendix E WorkSafe advice report, 10 pages, in English  · Appendix F Analysis of risks and practical control measures, 10 pages, in English  <https://www.epa.govt.nz/database-search/hsno-application-register/view/APP203974>; (167 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** An application (APP203974) for a reassessment under section 63 and 63A of the HNSO Act.  Hydrogen cyanamide is a plant-growth regulator used to promote 'bud-break' in the production of kiwifruit. It is also applied to a lesser extent for the same purpose in some apple, cherry, apricot, and kiwiberry crops.  New information on the effects of hydrogen cyanamide led to reassessment grounds being established under section 62 of the HSNO Act in September 2019. The new information included the human health and environmental risk assessments undertaken by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The EFSA review, other assessments published by regulatory authorities in the United States (US) and the Europe Union (EU), and risk assessments provided by stakeholders, have been used to inform the EPA's current assessment of risks and benefits of hydrogen cyanamide use in New Zealand.  Based on its preliminary assessment, the EPA is recommending that current approvals for hydrogen cyanamide be declined, and the substance no longer be approved. The EPA is proposing that hydrogen cyanamide be phased out over five years, with tighter controls taking immediate effect after the final decision on the reassessment |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * General information regarding the EPA's reassessment of hydrogen cyanimide is available at the links below: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/in-progress/hydrogen-cyanamide-reassessment/> * The related application documents listed above are available at the following link: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/database-search/hsno-application-register/view/APP203974> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** The hearing of the application is scheduled to commence on 5 December 2022 and the EPA is required to publicly notify its decision not later than 30 working days after the conclusion of the hearing. The decision is therefore likely to be notified in early 2023.  The Decision-Making Committee will determine the outcome of the reassessment including any entry into force dates.  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)  Level 10, Grant Thornton House  215 Lambton Quay  Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay  Wellington 6140  New Zealand  Ph +64 4 916 2426  Email: [reassessments@epa.govt.nz](mailto:reassessments@epa.govt.nz)  [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz) |