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CHINA Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for pesticides registered¹ for use in Australia - OILSEEDS

This information bulletin provides a list of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for pesticides registered¹ for use in Australian grain, pulses and oilseeds. Listed in the table are MRLs for China. The main purpose of this bulletin is to inform growers, packers and marketers of the export requirements in regards to pesticide residues. The critical element of this information is that Australian MRLs do not apply to other countries and even though a pesticide may be registered in Australia, it may not be the case in that overseas country. If an MRL is 'not set', generally, China's "normal practice is to use either Codex standards or the standards of the exporting country, except where a standard is specified between the buyer and seller." (USDA Report #CH010) Organisations marketing to overseas countries should be aware that the information provided below represents the official standards, but not necessarily the marketing requirements. Marketers should refer to the contractual arrangements concerning agreed residue limits.

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Active Constituents ¹	Maximum Residue Limits (mg/kg)							
	OILSEEDS							
	Canola	Linseed	Linola	Cotton seed or cotton seed oil (CSO)	Sunflower	Safflower	Soybean (dried) or soybean oil (SO)	Other oilseeds
Agricultural Chemicals								
2,4-D								
2,4-DB								
acifluorfen							0.1	
amitrole								
atrazine								
azamethiphos								
azinphos - methyl								
azoxystrobin								
benomyl	0.1						0.2	

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Agricultural Chemicals								
bentazone							0.05	
bifenthrin				0.5				
bioresmethrin								
bitertanol								
bromoxynil								
butafenacil								
butoxydim								
captan								
carbaryl				1.0			1.0	
carbendazim	0.1						0.2	
carbofuran							0.2	
carbon disulphide								
carboxin								
carfentrazone-ethyl								
chlormequat				0.5				
chloropicrin							2.0	
cholrothalonil							0.2	
chlorpyrifos				0.05				
chlorpyrifos-methyl							5.0	
chlorsulfuron								
chlorthal-dimethyl								
clethodim								
clodinafop-propargyl								
clomazone								
clopyralid								
cloquintocet-mexyl								
cyanazine								
cyfluthrin				0.05				
cyhalothrin								
cypermethrin				0.2			0.05	
deltamethrin	0.1			0.1			0.5	
diazinon				0.1				

This table has been compiled with reference to the information obtained from the following Food/Agricultural Authority or publication:

Source: Pesticide and Other Contaminants Residue Limits as published by the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China GB 2763 -2005 - *Maximum residue limits for pesticides in food*.

Website address:

<http://www.sac.gov.cn/cgi-bin/english/showbulgbe.asp?id=745&year=2005&num=3&tnums=77&cnt=31&pdate=2005-3-14>

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Notes: The Chinese Government lists food classifications in the following manner

raw grain = wheat, barley oat, rye, soybean, corn, millet, rice etc and some pulses

processed grain = initially milled (having *shell* removed)

refined grain = flour of raw grain

oilseeds = rapeseed, cottonseed sunflowerseed etc and also soybean (which is included in raw grain - highlighted where a conflict of MRL arises)

crude vegetable oil = oil from oilseed crops

not set = no MRL has been established for that chemical/commodity, generally, the Chinese "normal practice is to use either CODEX standards or the standards of the exporting country, except where a standard is specified between the buyer and seller" USDA Gain Report #CH1010

Canola = rape seed