

# Principles for Establishing the List of Exempted Substances

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# What is an exempted substance?

- ✿ The substances used fall under the definition of pesticides; and
- ✿ Fulfill either of the following criteria:
  - ⊕ the use of the pesticides do not result in residues occurring in food; or
  - ⊕ the residues are identical to or indistinguishable from natural food components; or
  - ⊕ the residues are of no toxicological significance or public health concern.

# What is an exempted substance?

- ✿ MRLs/EMRLs in food are considered not necessary

# Purpose for establishing a list of exempted substances

- ✿ To encourage the use of natural pesticides by the trade
- ✿ To provide transparency in enforcement when dealing with food import

# Practices in International Communities

	<i>List of exempted substances</i>
Codex	No
Mainland China	No
Singapore	No
Australia	Yes
Canada	Yes
European Union	Yes
Japan	Yes
New Zealand	Yes
USA	Yes

# Our Proposal

# A Specific List of “Exempted Substances”

- ✿ Provide a list of exempted substances in the legislation

# A Specific List of “Exempted Substances”

- ✿ We have made reference to other major food supply countries
- ✿ Generally categorised into eight groups
  - ✿ inorganics, organics, pheromones, plant materials or derivatives, bacteria, fungus, protozoan and virus



# Thank you