Colleagues,

Attached is a very long list of commodities and associated limitations pesticide residues for importation to Columbia. Please review the list for the commodities / areas of your expertise and let me know if any of these limits will pose a problem with trade.

Rick Melnicoe did some research and has learned that the largest and most significant exports are wheat, cotton and soybeans. He suggests we focus our efforts and responses to grains and cotton.

This should greatly ease the task.

Thanks.

Al

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: FW: WTO notification- SPS/N/COL/148

Dear Colleagues,

The following and attachments are from Al Jennings, Office of Pest Management Policy, USDA. Please take a look at the list of commodities and MRLs and let me know if these may pose a trade problem.

Those of you in the Pacific Northwest should coordinate replies through Jane Thomas.

Please let me know in the negative, if these are not a problem.

Thank you.

Rick

-----Original Message-----
From: Jennings, Allen [mailto:Allen.Jennings@ars.usda.gov]
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Good Morning,

Please find attached a mechanical translation of Colombia’s WTO notification of their adoption of Codex maximum residue limits. Colombia
is adopting an exhaustive list of MRLs for many commodities. Please note the adoption of Codex's malathion ("malation" in the translated document) residue in wheat and many other commodities.

If you feel that any of these proposed measures may cause trade disruptions for your industry, please respond by Nov. 10, 2007.

Sincerely,

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