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EPA issued a **final rule revoking certain FFDCA tolerances for residues of nicotine-containing compounds used as insecticides and for the insecticide nicotine in or on specified commodities** (see list below) because nicotine is no longer registered under FIFRA for use on those commodities. The tolerances revoked by this final rule are no longer necessary to cover residues of nicotine or nicotine-containing compounds in or on domestically treated commodities or commodities treated outside but imported into the United States. Nicotine or nicotine-containing compounds are no longer used on those specified commodities within the United States, and no one commented that there was a need for EPA to retain the tolerances to cover nicotine residues in or on imported foods.

Currently, **with the exception of cucumber, lettuce, and tomato**, there are no other active **food use** registrations existing for nicotine-containing compounds or nicotine. Because no active food use registrations have existed since 1994 and because no comments expressed a need to retain these tolerances for import purposes, **EPA is revoking 62 tolerances in 40 CFR 180.167 for residues of nicotine-containing compounds used as insecticides in or on** apples; apricots; artichokes; asparagus; avocados; beans; beets (with or without tops) or beet greens alone; blackberries; boysenberries; broccoli; brussels sprouts; cabbage; cauliflower; celery; cherries; citrus fruits; collards; corn; cranberries; currants; dewberries; eggplants; gooseberries; grapes; kale; kohlrabi; loganberries; melons; mushrooms; mustard greens; nectarines; okra; onions; parsley; parsnips (with or without tops) or parsnip greens alone; peaches; pears; peas; peppers; plums (fresh prunes); pumpkins; quinces; radishes (with or without tops) or radish tops; raspberries; rutabagas (with or without tops) or rutabaga tops; spinach; squash; strawberries; summer squash; Swiss chard; turnips (with or without tops) or turnip greens; and youngberries. Also, EPA is revoking the four tolerances in 40 CFR 180.167a for residues of the insecticide nicotine in eggs; poultry, fat; poultry, meat; and poultry, meat byproducts by removing section 180.167a in its entirety.

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