

How will the NAFTA stop products treated with pesticides outlawed in Canada from entering this country?

-- Maximum residue levels have been established for produce entering Canada, and those that exceed these are simply prohibited entry.

-- Health and Welfare Canada maintains a monitoring system at Canadian border points.

-- The importation of produce into Canada from these locations is not uncommon now.

-- Pesticides are registered for specific combinations of crops and pests. Mexico and the U.S. both produce different crops, and have different pests, than those found in Canada. Consequently, some pesticides registered in those countries are not necessarily registered for use in Canada.

-- Of prime importance to Canada is the safety of these products for human consumption.