EFSA invites submission of data to support review of certain MRLs

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EFSA invites submission of data for MRL review of 10 substances

Call for expressions of interest to submit data for 10 non-approved active substances to review MRLs

Update

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is seeking additional toxicological data in relation to the review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the following pesticides: azocyclotin, bifenthrin, chlorfenapyr, cyhexatin, diazinon, dicofol, endosulfan, fenarimol, fenpropathrin, and profenofos.

EFSA is inviting the submission of data that has not been considered in its previous reviews of these substances, and that is relevant to identified data gaps.

Only studies that meet the most recent data requirements, finalised by 6 March 2024, will be eligible for assessment. Interested parties must express their interest by completing the EU Survey by **7 May 2024**.

Impacted products

All

What is changing?

EFSA has issued MRL reviews for the following substances:

- Azocyclotin (EFSA 2023a)
- Bifenthrin (EFSA 2023b)
- Chlorfenapyr (EFSA 2023c)
- Cyhexatin (EFSA 2023a)
- Diazinon (EFSA 2023d)
- Dicofol (EFSA 2023e)
- Endosulfan (EFSA 2023f)

- Fenarimol (EFSA 2023g)
- Fenpropathrin (EFSA 2023h)
- Profenofos (EFSA 2023i).

EFSA is now inviting the submission of additional toxicological data. Only data that has not already been considered in the EFSA evaluations (see links above), and that addresses data gaps identified by EFSA, should be submitted. To be eligible, studies must have been completed before 6 March 2024 and fulfil the most recent data requirements.

Why?

In 2022, the European Commission requested EFSA to review MRLs for 10 active substances no longer approved in the EU.

In 2023, EFSA published reasoned opinions concluding that for all except one of the substances (chlorfenapyr), the existing toxicological reference values (TRVs) were out of date.

The Commission and EU Member States decided that an additional stakeholder consultation step was needed to provide an opportunity to submit additional existing data to support the TRVs evaluation.

Timeline

Deadline for submission of interest: **7 May 2024**.
Deadline for submission of data (after confirmation of interest): **8 July 2024**.

Recommended Actions

Interested parties must express their interest by completing the EU Survey provided by EFSA by **7 May 2024**.

Resources

EFSA (2023a) Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for azocyclotin and cyhexatin. EFSA Journal, 21(6): 8038.

EFSA (2023b) Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for bifenthrin. EFSA Journal, 21(3): 7864.

EFSA (2023c) Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for chlorfenapyr. EFSA Journal, 21(12): 8444.

EFSA (2023d) Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for diazinon. EFSA Journal, 21: 8426.

EFSA (2023e) Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for dicofol. EFSA Journal, 21 : 8425.

EFSA (2023f) Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for endosulfan. EFSA Journal, 21(7) : 8114.

EFSA (2023g) Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for fenarimol. EFSA Journal, 21(7): 8113.

EFSA (2023h) Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for fenpropathrin. EFSA Journal, 21(6): 8057.

EFSA (2023i) Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for profenofos. EFSA Journal, 21: 8445.

Sources

EFSA (2024) Call for expressions of interest to submit data for 10 non-approved active substances to review MRLs