

Maximum residue level for difenoconazole

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[Draft](#) Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for difenoconazole in or on certain products

[Draft](#) Annex II

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) proposes new maximum residue levels (MRLs) for difenoconazole as summarised in Table 1. This includes lowering the MRLs to the to the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods) for certain products where the European Food Safety Authority could not rule out risks for consumers. These are highlighted in Table 1.

For citrus fruits, tree nuts, mangoes, papayas, dry peas, and soyabeans, where proposed MRLs are not considered to be a concern for consumer safety, import tolerances are proposed.

For many of the MRLs set above the LOD in Table 1, the EU has indicated that a further review of the MRLs will be required within two years, due to limitations in available data.

Actions

Competent authorities of countries that are members of the World Trade Organization can submit comments on the EU's proposal by emailing the [EU SPS Enquiry Point](#) until **3 May 2026**.

Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be published in October 2026, and will apply 6 months after publication.


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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Proposed maximum residue levels for difenoconazole			
Food category	Products	Difenoconazole (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Tree nuts	Almonds, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, chestnuts, coconuts, hazelnuts/cobnuts, macadamias, pecans, pine kernels, pistachios, walnuts	0.05*	0.03
Pome fruits	Apples, pears, quinces, medlars	0.8	0.4
	Loquats/Japanese medlars	0.8	0.6
Stone fruits	Cherries (sweet)	0.3	0.4
	Plums	0.5	0.4
Berries and small fruits	Cranberries	0.1	0.6
	Azaroles/Mediterranean medlars	0.8	0.01*
	Currants	0.2	0.01*
	Dewberries, elderberries, gooseberries, rose hips, mulberries	0.1	0.01*
Miscellaneous fruit	American persimmons/Virginia kaki, carambolas, dates, figs, jambuls/jambolans, kiwi fruits, litchis/lychees, star apples/cainitos	0.1	0.01*
	Kaki/Japanese persimmons	0.8	0.01*
	Mangoes	0.1	0.2
	Papayas	0.2	0.3
	Breadfruits, cherimoyas, durians, granate apples/pomegranates, pineapples, soursops/guanabanas	0.1	0.01*
	Guavas	0.1	0.15
	Passionfruits/maracujas	0.1	0.05
Root and tuber vegetables	Potatoes, sweet potatoes	0.1	0.07
	Cassava roots/manioc, yams, arrowroots	0.1	0.01*
	Beetroots, carrots, horseradishes, Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips, parsley roots/Hamburg root parsley, radishes, salsifies, swedes/rutabagas, turnips, other roots/tubers	0.4	0.5
	Celeriac/turnip rooted celeries	2	0.5
Bulb vegetables	Garlic, onions, shallots	0.5	0.2
Fruiting vegetables	Aubergines/eggplants	0.6	0.5
	Sweet corn	0.05*	0.01*
Brassica vegetables	Broccoli	1	0.7
	Cauliflowers	0.2	0.15
	Chinese cabbages/pe-tsai	2	3
	Kales	2	1.5
	Kohlrabies	0.05*	0.02

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Food category	Products	Difenoconazole (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Leaf vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers	Roman rocket/rucola, spinaches	3	4
	Purslanes	3	2
	Chards/beet leaves	4	3
	Grape leaves and similar species	0.05*	0.01*
	Watercresses	0.5	0.01*
	Witloofs/Belgian endives	4	0.08
	Celery leaves, chervil, parsley	10	15
	Basil and edible flowers	10	4
Legume vegetables	Beans and peas (with pods)	1	0.7
	Beans and peas (without pods)	1	0.6
	Lentils	0.05*	0.01*
Stem vegetables	Asparagus	0.05*	0.03
	Cardoons, celeries	7	5
	Bamboo shoots, palm hearts	0.05*	0.01*
Fungi, mosses, and lichens		0.05*	0.01*
Algae and prokaryotic organisms		0.05*	0.01*
Pulses	Beans	0.06	0.05
	Lentils, lupins/lupini beans	0.06	0.04
Oilseeds	Linseeds, mustard seeds	0.2	0.5
	Castor beans, hemp seeds, peanuts/groundnuts, pumpkin seeds, sesame seeds	0.05*	0.01*
	Soyabeans	0.1	0.15
	Cotton seeds	0.05*	0.4
	Borage seeds	0.05*	0.5
Oil fruits	Oil palm kernels, oil palm fruits, kapok	0.05*	0.01*
Cereals	Buckwheat and other pseudocereals, common millet/proso millet, maize/corn, sorghum	0.05*	0.01*
	Oats	0.05*	0.02
Teas		0.05*	20
Herbal infusions	Valerian, ginseng	20	4
	Any parts of the plant except flowers, leaves, herbs, roots	20	0.05*
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Spices	Anise/aniseed, black caraway/black cumin, celery, coriander, cumin, dill, fennel, fenugreek, nutmeg, allspice/pimento, Sichuan pepper, caraway, cardamom, juniper berry, peppercorn, vanilla, tamarind	0.3	0.15
	Capers, cinnamon, cloves, mace, saffron	0.3	0.05*
	Liquorice, turmeric/curcuma	3	1.5
Sugar plants	Sugar canes	0.05*	0.01*
Products of animal origin	Muscle of pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, and horses	0.05	0.08
	Fat of pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, and horses	0.05	0.2
	Muscle of other farmed terrestrial animals	0.1	0.08
	Fat of other farmed terrestrial animals	0.1	0.2
	Liver, kidney, and edible offals of pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, and other farmed terrestrial animals	0.2	1.5
	Poultry muscle, fat, liver, and edible offals	0.1	0.01*
	Milk (cattle, sheep, goat, horse)	0.005*	0.02
	Bird eggs (chicken, duck, geese, quail)	0.05*	0.03
	Amphibians and reptiles, terrestrial invertebrates, and wild terrestrial vertebrates	0.05*	0.01*
* Limit of determination. MRLs reduced to the limit of determination (LOD) are highlighted as the ones most likely to cause trade disruptions. Operators should pay attention to all changes to MRLs as adaptations to good agricultural practices may be required.			
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