# Maximum residue level for ethofumesate

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EU to increase ethofumesate MRL on carrots

Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cycloxydim, ethofumesate, folpet, mepiquat and quinmerac in or on certain products

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## Update

The European Union (EU) will raise the maximum residue level (MRL) for ethofumesate on carrots from 0.03 to 0.1 mg/kg. This follows a positive evaluation of safety for consumers by the European Food Safety Authority.

## Impacted products

carrots

## What is changing?

The EU will increase the MRL for ethofumesate on carrots from 0.03 (the limit of determination, LOD) to 0.1 mg/kg. (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.)

## Why?

Following an application for a change of MRLs by the producer of ethofumesate, the European Food Safety Authority has concluded that increasing the MRL would not pose a risk for consumers (EFSA 2026).

## Timeline

The new MRL is expected to apply from early 2027.


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## Background

MRLs are set in accordance with the rules set out in Regulation 396/2005. For information on current MRLs for other substances, please consult the EU Pesticide Residues database.

## Resources

EFSA (2026) Modification of the existing maximum residue level for ethofumesate in carrots. EFSA Journal, 24(7): e10188.

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