Maximum residue level for propamocarb

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EU increases MRLs for propamocarb on radishes and Roman rocket/rucola

Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1305 of 2 July 2025 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for amidosulfuron, azoxystrobin, hexythiazox, isoxaben, picloram, propamocarb, sodium silver thiosulfate and tefluthrin in or on certain products

Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for dimoxystrobin, ethephon and propamocarb in or on certain products

Draft Annex (PLAN/2024/1305 R2 DRAFT)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1439 of 24 May 2024 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 fenazaquin, mepiquat and propamocarb in or on certain products

Update

The European Union (EU) has increased the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for propamocarb on radishes and on Roman rocket/rucola.

Impacted products

Lettuces, radishes, Roman rocket/rucola, honey and other apiculture products

What is changing?

The EU has raised the MRLs for propamocarb on radishes (roots) from 3 to 8 mg/kg, and on Roman rocket/rucola (including small radish leaves) from 30 to 600 mg/kg.

Earlier in 2025, the European Commission informed the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee that it intends to lower the MRL for propamocarb on lettuces from 40 to 20 mg/kg (G/SPS/N/EU/801).

In May 2024, the EU raised the MRL for propamocarb on honey and other apiculture products from 0.05 to 15 mg/kg.

Why?

Following an application for the MRL for propamocarb on honey to be modified, EFSA (2023) concluded that the proposed amendments are acceptable and do not signify a risk to consumer safety.

In its reasoned opinion on honey, EFSA observed that the current MRL for propamocarb on lettuce might lead to the acute reference dose (ARfD) being exceeded (EFSA 2023). EFSA subsequently reviewed an alternative good agricultural practice (GAP) with a lower MRL which is fully supported by data (EFSA in press).

Following a request to modify the MRLs for radish leaves and radishes, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA 2024) concluded that the proposed MRLs are safe for consumers. Because small radish leaves are classified under the subgroup of Roman rocket/rucola, the EU has raised the MRLs for Roman rocket/rucola as well as for radish roots and small leaves.

Timeline

The new MRLs on Roman rocket/rucola and radishes will apply from **23 July 2025**.

The proposed MRL on lettuce is expected to apply from approximately **January 2026**.

Recommended Actions

Feedback on the EU's proposed MRL on lettuce (G/SPS/N/EU/801) closed in February 2025. Suppliers of lettuces should review their use of propamocarb and assess whether any changes will be needed to existing GAP to ensure compliance with the new MRL.

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 (2023) Modification of the existing maximum residue level for propamocarb in honey. EFSA Journal, 21: e8422.

EFSA (2024) Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for propamocarb in radishes (roots and small leaves). EFSA Journal, 22: e9092.

Sources

Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1305 as regards maximum residue levels for amidosulfuron, azoxystrobin, hexythiazox, isoxaben, picloram, propamocarb, sodium silver thiosulfate and tefluthrin in or on certain products

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