

Maximum residue level for propamocarb

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EU proposes to lower MRL for propamocarb on lettuces

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 Commission has informed the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee that it intends to lower the maximum residue level (MRL) for propamocarb on **lettuces** ([G/SPS/N/EU/801](#)).

Impacted products

Lettuces, honey, and other apiculture products

What is changing?

The EU proposes to lower the MRL for propamocarb on lettuces from 40 to 20 mg/kg.

Earlier in 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).

Timeline

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

Recommended Actions

Feedback on the EU's proposal ([G/SPS/N/EU/801](#)) closed on 3 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.

Sources

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Commission Regulation (EU) [2024/1439](#) as regards maximum residue levels for fenazaquin, mepiquat and propamocarb in or on certain products

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