

# 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

Authorities in countries that are members of the World Trade Organization can provide feedback on the EU's proposal ([G/SPS/N/EU/801](#)) by emailing the [EU SPS Enquiry Point](#) until **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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