Maximum residue levels for thiacloprid

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2711 as regards maximum residue levels for thiacloprid in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has reduced the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for thiacloprid to the limit of determination (LOD) for all products. The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods. These changes are due to concerns about risks to public health.

The changes to EU MRLs for thiacloprid are shown in Table 1.

In February 2024, France introduced a national law banning placement on the French market of fruit and vegetables containing thiacloprid at levels over the LOD of 0.01 mg/kg (République Française 2024). France indicated that it would lift the national regulation after the new EU Regulation is adopted.

Actions

Exporters of all products should review their current use of thiacloprid and evaluate possible alternative solutions in anticipation of the MRL changes.

Timeline

The new MRLs apply from **12 May 2025**.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Changes to maximum residue levels for thiacloprid

Food category	Products	Thiacloprid (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Pome fruits	Apples, pears	0.3	0.01*
	Quinces, medlars, Loquats/Japanese medlars	0.7	0.01*
Stone fruits	Appricots, cherries, peaches, plums	0.5	0.01*
Berries and small fruits	Strawberries, blackberries, dewberries, blueberries, cranberries, currants, gooseberries, rose hips, mulberries, azaroles, elderberries	1	0.01*
	Raspberries	6	0.01*
Miscellaneous fruits	Figs	0.5	0.01*
	Table olives	4	0.01*
	Kiwi fruits	0.2	0.01*
	Papayas	0.5	0.01*
Root and tuber vegetables	Potato	0.02	0.01*
	Beetroots, carrots, celeriacs/turnip rooted celeries, horseradishes, Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips, parsley roots/Hamburg root parsley, salsifies	0.05	0.01*
	Radishes	0.7	0.01*
Bulb vegetables	Spring onions/green onions, Welsh onions	0.15	0.01*
Fruiting vegetable	Tomatoes	0.5	0.01*
	Sweet peppers/bell peppers	1	0.01*
	Aubergines/eggplants	0.7	0.01*
	Cucumber, courgettes, gherkins	0.5	0.01*
	Melons, watermelons	0.2	0.01*
Flowering brassicas	Broccoli, cauliflowers	0.3	0.01*
Head brassicas	Brussels sprouts, head cabbages	0.3	0.01*
Leafy brassicas	Chinese cabbages/pe-tsai	1	0.01*
	Kales	0.4	0.01*
Brassica vegetables	Kohlrabies	0.04	0.01*
Lettuce and salad plants	Lamb's lettuces/corn salads	8	0.01*
	Lettuces	1	0.01*
	Escaroles/broad-leaved endives	0.15	0.01*
	Land cresses	0.7	0.01*
	Roman rocket/rucola, baby leaf crops (including brassica)	2	0.01*

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Table 1 Continued			
Food category	Products	Thiacloprid (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Spinaches and similar leaves	Spinaches, chards/beet leaves	0.15	0.01*
Herbs and edible flowers	Chervil, chives, celery leaves, parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, basil and edible flowers, laurel/bay leaves, tarragon	5	0.02*
Legume vegetables	Beans (with pods)	0.4	0.01*
	Peas (with and without pods)	0.2	0.01*
Stem vegetables	Celeries, Florence fennels	0.7	0.01*
	Leeks	0.1	0.01*
	Rhubarbs	0.02	0.01*
Pulses	Beans, peas	0.08	0.01*
Oilseeds	Poppy seeds, borage seeds	0.3	0.02*
	Rapeseeds/canola seeds, mustard seeds	0.6	0.02*
	Cotton seeds	0.15	0.02*
Oil fruits	Olives for oil production	4	0.02*
Cereals	Barley, oat	0.9	0.01*
	Rice	0.02	0.01*
	Rye	0.06	0.01*
	Wheat	0.1	0.01*
Teas	Teas	10	0.05*
Herbal infusions	Leaves and herbs (strawberry, rooibos, maté)	50	0.05*
	Roots (valerian, ginseng)	0.02	0.05*
Seed spices	Aniseed, black caraway/black cumin, celery, coriander, cumin, dill, fennel, fenugreek, nutmeg	0.08	0.05*
Sugar plants	Sugar beet roots	0.02	0.01*
	Chicory roots	0.05	0.01*
Animal products	Muscle (pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, other farmed terrestrial animals)	0.1	0.01*
	Fat (cattle, sheep, goats, horses, other farmed terrestrial animals)	0.04	0.01*
	Liver, kidney and edible offals (pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, other farmed terrestrial animals)	0.5	0.01*
	Muscle, liver and edible offals (poultry)	0.02	0.01*
	Milk (cattle, sheep, goats, horses)	0.05	0.01*
Honey and other apiculture products	Honey and other apiculture products	0.2	0.05*

* Limit of determination.

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