Maximum residue levels for zoxamide

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/146 as regards maximum residue levels for zoxamide in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The European Union has amended the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for zoxamide as summarised in Table 1, with potentially significant impacts on exports of **leaf vegetables, herbs,** and **edible flowers**. For many products there was already an MRL set at the limit of determination (LOD), and in these cases the LOD has been lowered from 0.02 or 0.05 mg/kg to 0.01 mg/kg. (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.) These changes follow reviews by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

The MRLs are maintained on cucurbits. MRLs that are considered safe for consumers have also been set for onions, garlic, shallots, potatoes, tomatoes, aubergines, and honey.

Actions

Exporters of leaf vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers should review their current use of zoxamide and evaluate possible alternative solutions in anticipation of MRL changes.

Timeline

The new MRLs apply from **19 August 2025**.

Products imported before 19 August 2025 that comply with the old MRLs will not be removed from the EU market after that date, even if they do not comply with the new MRLs.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Changes to maximum residue levels for zoxamide

Food category	Products	Zoxamide (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Root and tuber vegetables	Potatoes	0.02*	0.02
Bulb vegetables	Garlic, onions, shallots	0.02*	0.7
Fruiting vegetables	Tomatoes	0.5	2
	Aubergines/eggplants	0.02*	0.5
Leaf vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers	Lamb's lettuces/corn salads, lettuces, escaroles/broad-leaved endives, cresses and other sprouts and shoots, land cresses, Roman rocket/rucola, red mustards, baby leaf crops (including *Brassica* species), spinaches, purslanes, chards/beet leaves, chervil, chives, celery leaves, parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, basil and edible flowers, laurel/bay leaves, tarragon	30	0.01*
Honey and other apiculture products		0.05*	0.2

* Limit of determination.

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Source: based on Regulation 2025/146

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