

Maximum residue level for zoxamide

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Regulation

[Draft](#) Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for zoxamide in or on certain products

[Annex](#)

What is changing and why?

The EU proposes to amend 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.

Additionally, for all products except hops and spices, the limit of determination (LOD) will be 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 existing MRLs are maintained on potatoes, chives, spring onions, and cucurbits. Higher MRLs, considered safe for consumers, are recommended on tomatoes, aubergines, and honey, and also on onions, garlic and shallots following a request for import tolerances.

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.

Authorities in countries that are members of the World Trade Organization can provide feedback on the EU's proposal ([G/SPS/N/EU/775](#)) by emailing the [EU SPS Enquiry Point](#) until **25 August 2024**.


Timeline

The new MRLs will apply from approximately April 2025 – the precise date will be known once the Regulation is published.

Products exported before July 2025 that comply with the old MRLs will not be removed from the EU market after July 2025, 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
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 <i>Brassica</i> species), spinaches, purslanes, chards/beet leaves, chervil, 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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