Maximum residue levels for acequinocyl

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Acequinocyl MRLs for blueberries, cranberries, currants, and gooseberries will increase from 5 November 2026

Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/2289 of 15 October 2026 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl, deltamethrin, dodine, maleic hydrazide, pinoxaden and prothioconazole in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/140 of 22 January 2026 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 acequinocyl, chlormequat, metalaxyl-M, pyraclostrobin, sulfoxaflor and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

Update

The European Union (EU) has increased the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for acequinocyl on blueberries, cranberries, currants, and gooseberries. This follows an increase in the MRL for strawberries in February 2026.

Impacted products

Blueberries, cranberries, currants, gooseberries, strawberries

What is changing?

The EU has increased the MRLs for acequinocyl on blueberries, cranberries, currants (black, red, and white), and gooseberries (green, red, and yellow) from the limit of determination (LOD) of 0.01 mg/kg to 2 mg/kg. (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.)

In February 2026, the EU increased the MRL for acequinocyl on strawberries from 0.01 to 0.3 mg/kg.

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Why?

An application for a change of MRLs by the producer of acequinocyl was evaluated by the European Food Safety Authority, and the requested changes were found to be safe for consumers (EFSA 2025a).

Timeline

The new MRLs on blueberries, cranberries, currants, and gooseberries apply from **5 November 2026**.

The new MRL on strawberries applies from 11 February 2026.

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. For further information on the setting of import tolerances, see Pesticide residue import tolerance MRLs explained.

The MRL on strawberries was increased in February 2026 following a review by EFSA (2025b).

Resources

EFSA (2025a) Modification of the existing maximum residue level for acequinocyl in various crops. EFSA Journal, 23(12): e9810.

EFSA (2025b) Modification of the existing maximum residue level for acequinocyl in strawberries. EFSA Journal, 23(1): e9207.

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/2289 as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl, deltamethrin, dodine, maleic hydrazide, pinoxaden and prothioconazole in or on certain products

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