

# Maximum residue levels for acequinocyl

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EU discusses increases to MRLs for acequinocyl on blueberries, cranberries, currants, and gooseberries

Draft Commission Regulation 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

Draft Annex [PLAN/2025/3053]

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) is discussing an increase in 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 is discussing increasing 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.

## Why?

Following an application for a change of MRLs by the producer of acequinocyl, the European Food Safety Authority evaluated the requested changes and concluded that they do not pose a risk for consumers ([EFSA 2025b](#)).

## Timeline

The new MRLs on blueberries, cranberries, currants, and gooseberries are expected to apply in the second half of 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 change to the MRL on strawberries in February 2026 followed a review by [EFSA \(2025a\)](#).

## Resources

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

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

## Sources

[Draft](#) Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl, deltamethrin, dodine, maleic hydrazide, pinoxaden and prothioconazole in or on certain products

[Draft](#) Annex [PLAN/2025/3053]

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