Maximum residue levels for acetamiprid

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EU to increase acetamiprid MRLs for plums, soyabeans, parsley, rosemary, basil and edible flowers from early 2027

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 acetamiprid in or on certain products

Draft Annex [PLAN-2026-625]

Update

The European Union (EU) will increase the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for acetamiprid on plums, soyabeans, parsley, rosemary, basil and edible flowers.

Impacted products

plums, plums, parsley, rosemary, basil and edible flowers, beans, peas, lentils, lupins/lupini beans, barley, soyabeans

What is changing?

The European Union (EU) will increase the maximum residue level (MRL) for acetamiprid on plums, soyabeans, parsley, rosemary, basil and edible flowers as summarised in Table 1.

This follows previous MRL changes made in January 2025 (Regulation 2025/158), June 2025 (Regulation 2025/1212), and April 2026 (Regulation (EU) 2026/876). These changes are summarised in Table 2.

Why?

Following an application to modify the existing MRLs for these six food commodities, the European Food Safety Authority concluded the MRLs proposed for plums, soyabeans, parsley, rosemary, basil and edible flowers would not pose a risk for consumers (EFSA 2025).

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Timeline

The new MRLs in Table 1 are expected to apply from **early 2027**.

The application dates for previous MRL changes are shown in Table 2.

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.

Resources

EFSA (2025) Modification of the existing maximum residue level for acetamiprid in various crops and honey. EFSA Journal, 23(12): e9774.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/876 as regards maximum residue levels for acetamiprid, aclonifen, deltamethrin, oxathiapiprolin and potassium phosphonates in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1212 as regards maximum residue levels for acetamiprid in or on certain products

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Sources

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Table 1: Upcoming changes to maximum residue levels for acetamiprid

Food category	Products	Acetamiprid (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Stone fruits	Plums	0.04	0.08
Leaf vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers	Parsley, rosemary, basil, edible flowers	3	4
Pulses	Beans	0.15	0.4
	Peas, lentils, lupins/lupini beans	0.15	0.2
Cereals	Barley	0.05	0.5
Oilseeds	Soyabeans	0.01	0.08

Source: based on Draft Annex II [PLAN/2026/625]

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Table 2: Recent changes to maximum residue levels for acetamiprid

Food category	Products	Acetamiprid (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
APPLIES FROM 19 AUGUST 2025			
Pome fruits	Apples, pears	0.4	0.07
	Quinces	0.8	0.15
	Medlars	0.8	0.3
Stone fruits	Apricots	0.8	0.08
	Cherries	1.5	0.8
	Peaches	0.2	0.08
Berries and small fruits	Table grapes, wine grapes	0.5	0.08
	Blackberries, raspberries (red, yellow)	2	0.6
	Blueberries, cranberries, gooseberries (green, red, yellow)	2	0.7
	Currants (black, red, white)	2	0.01*
	Elderberries	2	0.5
Miscellaneous fruit	Table olives	3	0.9
	Bananas	0.4	0.01*
Fruiting vegetables	Tomatoes	0.5	0.06
	Sweet peppers/bell peppers	0.3	0.09
	Cucumber, courgettes	0.3	0.05
	Melons, pumpkins, watermelons	0.2	0.08
Brassica vegetables	Broccoli, cauliflowers	0.4	0.06
	Head cabbages	0.4	0.03

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Food category	Products	Acetamiprid (mg/kg)	
Leaf vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers	Lamb's lettuces/corn salads, Roman rocket/ rucola	3	1.5
	Lettuces	1.5	0.01*
	Escaroles/broad-leaved endives	0.4	0.01*
	Red mustards	3	0.9
	Spinaches, chards/beet leaves	0.6	0.01*
Stem vegetables	Asparagus	0.8	0.01*
Products of animal origin (bovine)	Liver	1	0.03
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney)	1	0.05
APPLIES FROM 20 AUGUST 2025			
Stone fruits	Plums	0.03	0.04
Oilseeds	Linseeds	0.01*	0.06
	Poppy seeds	0.01*	0.3
	Soybeans	0.01*	0.01
	Mustard seeds	0.01*	0.15
	Gold of pleasure seeds	0.01*	0.06
APPLIES FROM 12 MAY 2026			
Honey and other apiculture products		0.3	1

* Limit of determination (LOD).

Source: Regulations 2025/158, 2025/1212, 2026/876

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