Maximum residue levels for azimsulfuron

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EU reduces LOD for azimsulfuron on animal products (muscle and milk)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/352 of 22 January 2024 amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for (Z)-13-hexadecen-11-yn-1-yl acetate, (Z,Z,Z,Z)-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate, acrinathrin, azimsulfuron, famoxadone, prochloraz and sodium hypochlorite in or on certain products

Update

The European Commission has reduced the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for azimsulfuron to the limit of determination (LOD) on some products, from 0.02 to 0.01 mg/kg. (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.) This has implications for exporters of animal products (muscle and milk).

Impacted products

animal products, milk, muscle

What is changing?

The European Commission has lowered the LOD for azimsulfuron on certain products from 0.02 to 0.01 mg/kg.

Why?

Since 31 December 2021, azimsulfuron is no longer permitted for use in the EU. The existing MRLs set for azimsulfuron have therefore been deleted and set to the LOD.

Timeline

The new MRLs will apply from **12 August 2024**.

Recommended Actions

Suppliers to the EU market of animal muscle and milk must find alternative solutions to azimsulfuron for use on these products by August 2024.

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.

Sources

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