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## Maximum residue levels for azimsulfuron

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

Commission Regulation (EU) <u>2024/352</u> 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 <u>396/2005</u>. For information on current MRLs for other substances, please consult the <u>EU Pesticide Residues database</u>.

#### **Sources**

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