

Maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin

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EU raises MRL for azoxystrobin on papayas and chicory roots

Commission Regulation (EU) [2024/2633](#) of 8 October 2024 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin, famoxadone, flutiafol, mandipropamid and mefentrifluconazole in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) [2024/1078](#) of 15 April 2024 amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin, flonicamid, isofetamid, mefentrifluconazole, metazachlor, pyrimethanil and quartz sand in or on certain products

Update

The EU has increased the maximum residue level (MRL) for azoxystrobin on papayas and chicory roots. This follows an increase of MRL for azoxystrobin on hops in April 2024.

Impacted products

papayas, chicory roots, hops, lamb's lettuces, corn salads, lettuces, escaroles, broadleaved endives, cresses, sprouts and shoots, land cresses, Roman rocket, rucola, red mustards, baby leaf crops

What is changing?

The MRLs for azoxystrobin on papayas has been raised from 0.3 to 4 mg/kg and on chicory roots from 0.09 to 1 mg/kg (Regulation [2024/2633](#)).

In April 2024, the MRL for azoxystrobin on hops was raised from 30 to 40 mg/kg (Regulation [2024/1078](#)).

Why?

On 2 December 2023, the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted new Codex maximum residue limits (CXLs) for azoxystrobin on papayas and on chicory roots, for which the European Food Safety Authority ([EFSA 2023a](#)) did not identify risks to consumers in the EU.

Following a request for modification of the MRL for azoxystrobin in hops, [EFSA \(2023b\)](#) concluded that the proposed MRL is acceptable for consumer safety.

Timeline

The new MRLs on papayas and chicory roots apply from **29 October 2024**. The MRL on hops is in application since **6 May 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](#).

Resources

EFSA (2020) [Evaluation of confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review and modification of the existing maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin](#). EFSA Journal, 18(8): 6231.

EFSA (2023a) [Scientific support for preparing an EU position in the 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues \(CCPR\)](#). EFSA Journal, 21(8): 8111.

EFSA (2023b) [Modification of the existing maximum residue level for azoxystrobin in hops](#). EFSA Journal, 21(8): 8124.

Sources

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Commission Regulation (EU) [2022/1363](#)

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