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Maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin

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EU reduces MRLs for azoxystrobin on lettuces and salad plants

Commission Regulation (EU) <u>2022/1363</u> of 3 August 2022 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 2,4-D, azoxystrobin, cyhalofop-butyl, cymoxanil, fenhexamid, flazasulfuron, florasulam, fluroxypyr, iprovalicarb and silthiofam in or on certain products

Update

The EU has reduced the MRLs for azoxystrobin on lettuces and salad plants.

Impacted products

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 MRL for azoxystrobin on leaf vegetables (lamb's lettuces/corn salads, lettuces, escaroles/broadleaved endives, cresses and other sprouts and shoots, land cresses, Roman rocket/rucola, red mustards, baby leaf crops) is reduced from 15 to 10 mg/kg.

Why?

Data was submitted by the applicant Syngenta to address identified data gaps for azoxystrobin for certain products. Following a review, <u>EFSA (2020)</u> concluded that the data gaps were sufficiently addressed and proposed lowering the MRLs on the basis of the new information.

Timeline

New MRLs will apply from 25 February 2023. Products lawfully placed on the EU market in compliance with old MRLs before 25 February may remain on the market after that date, even where not compliant with the new MRLs.







Recommended Actions

Suppliers of lettuces and salad plants to the EU market should ensure that good agricultural practices related to azoxystrobin are amended to ensure compliance with the new, reduced MRLs.

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>.

Resources

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

Sources

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1363

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