Maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin

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EU aligns MRL for azoxystrobin on papayas and chicory roots with Codex standards

Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/1305 of 2 July 2025 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for amidosulfuron, azoxystrobin, hexythiazox, isoxaben, picloram, propamocarb, sodium silver thiosulfate and tefluthrin in or on certain products

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, flutriafol, 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 melons and watermelons. This follows MRL increases on papaya and chicory roots in October 2024, and on hops in April 2024.

Impacted products

Papayas, melons, watermelons, 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 MRL for azoxystrobin on melons and watermelons has now been raised from 1 to 6 mg/kg (Regulation 2025/1305).

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In October 2024, the MRL for azoxystrobin on papayas was 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?

Following an application for an import tolerance on melons and watermelons, EFSA (2024) concluded that the proposed MRLs are acceptable for consumer safety.

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 melons and watermelons apply from 23 July 2025.
- The MRLs on papayas and chicory roots apply since 29 October 2024.
- The MRL on hops apply 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

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