

THE LATEST ON EU AGRI-FOOD POLICIES IMPACTING LOW-INCOME & MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

# Maximum residue levels for benalaxyl

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EU marginally reduces MRLs for benalaxyl on tomatoes and aubergines from August 2023

Commission Regulation (EU) <u>2023/128</u> of 18 January 2023 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for benalaxyl, bromoxynil, chlorsulfuron, epoxiconazole and fenamiphos in or on certain products

### **Update**

The EU has marginally reduced the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for benalaxyl (including other mixtures of constituent isomers including benalaxyl-M) on tomatoes and aubergines/eggplants. MRLs for grapes, melons, watermelons and lettuces remain unchanged.

### Impacted products

tomatoes, aubergines/eggplants

# What is changing?

The changes to MRLs are set out in Table 1.

## Why?

Use of the active substance benalaxyl is no longer approved in the EU since 31 July 2021. However, benalaxyl-M is an active substance that is approved for use in the EU.

The EU MRL for benalaxyl takes into account authorised and safe uses of benalaxyl-M. Existing MRLs are therefore maintained for table grapes, potatoes, garlic, onions, slots, watermelons, lettuce and leeks.

The MRLs for the authorised use of benalaxyl-M on tomatoes and aubergines are lower than those previously established for benalaxyl. This Regulation amends those MRLs to reflect authorised uses of benalaxyl-M.





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#### **Timeline**

The new MRLs will apply from 8 August 2023.

#### **Recommended Actions**

Suppliers of tomatoes and aubergines/ eggplants should assess whether the reduction of the benalaxyl MRL from 0.5 to 0.3 mg/kg has any implications for ensuring compliance.

### **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

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/128

Visit the <u>AGRINFO website</u> to view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and <u>search</u> the database.





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## **Table & Figures**

Table 1 Maximum residue levels for benalaxyl			
Food category	Products	Benalaxyl¹ (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Fruiting vegetables	Tomatoes	0.5	0.3
	Aubergines/ eggplants	0.5	0.3
1 Benalaxyl including other Source: based on SANTE/10:	mixtures of constituent isomers including benalaxyl- 176/2022 rev.2 AGRINFO WWW.agrinfo.eu	M (sum of isomers).	

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