

Maximum residue levels for benfluralin

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Draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for benfluralin, benthiavalicarb and penflufen in or on certain products

Draft Annex

What is changing and why?

The active substance benfluralin is no longer approved in the European Union (EU) (see [Benfluralin: Non-renewal of EU approval](#)). The EU now proposes to lower the maximum residue level (MRL) for salsifies to the limit of determination (LOD): from 0.05 to 0.01mg/kg. (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.) For all other foods, the MRL is already set at the LOD, but these LODs will also be lowered to reflect the development of more sensitive analytical methods.

Actions

The World Trade Organization consultation on this proposal closed on 24 May 2025 ([G/SPS/N/EU/843](#)).

Timeline

The new MRLs will apply from approximately May 2026 – the precise date will be known once the Regulation is published.

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