

Maximum residue levels for benomyl, carbendazim, thiophanate-methyl, cyproconazole, and spirodiclofen

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Draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for benomyl, carbendazim and thiophanate-methyl in or on certain products

Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cyproconazole and spirodiclofen in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The European Commission had proposed to reduce the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for benomyl, carbendazim, thiophanate-methyl, cyproconazole, and spirodiclofen for many products, but to maintain certain MRLs based on uses outside the EU. The proposals were based on a risk assessment by the European Food Safety Authority. For details see the AGRINFO records on MRLs for [benomyl](#), [carbendazim](#), [thiophanate-methyl](#), [cyproconazole](#), and [spirodiclofen](#).

In September 2024, the European Parliament rejected the Commission's draft Regulations due to public health concerns about certain substances, and because setting import tolerances for certain products allows farmers in non-EU countries to use pesticides that are not allowed in the EU. This is considered to create unfair competition for EU farmers.

The Parliament has requested new draft Regulations reducing the MRLs for benomyl, carbendazim, thiophanate-methyl, cyproconazole, and spirodiclofen for *all* products to the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods).

Timeline

The European Parliament's objection prevents the Commission from adopting the proposed draft Regulation, which means that the existing MRLs continue to apply.

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