

Maximum residue levels for benthiavalicarb

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

Draft Annex (PLAN-2024-1306 rev3)

What is changing and why?

The active substance benthiavalicarb is no longer approved in the EU (see [Benthiavalicarb: approval not renewed by EU](#)). The EU proposes to lower the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for this substance on grapes and tomatoes from 0.3 to 0.01 mg/kg. For other foods, the MRLs are already set at the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods), but the LODs on tree nuts, potatoes, algae, oilseeds, oil fruits, and cereals 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](#)).

Suppliers to the EU market of table and wine grapes and tomatoes must find alternative solutions to benthiavalicarb for use on these products by May 2026.

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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