Maximum residue levels for bifenazate

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/891 as regards maximum residue levels for bifenazate in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has reduced the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for bifenazate to the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods) on all products.

The Commission has amended the MRLs for bifenazate as set out in Table 1.

Regarding products not listed in Table 1:

- for fruit and vegetables except herbs and edible flowers (not including basil) – LODs are reduced to 0.02 mg/kg
- for pulses, oilseeds, oil fruits, and cereals – LODs are reduced to 0.01 mg/kg
- for teas, coffee, infusions, cocoa, and spices – LODs are reduced to 0.05 mg/kg.

Actions

Exporters of affected fruits, nuts, vegetables, oilseeds, and animal products should review current use of bifenazate and evaluate possible alternative solutions in anticipation of MRL changes.

Timeline

The new MRLs will apply from **14 October 2024**.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Maximum residue levels for bifenazate

Food category	Products	Bifenazate[1] (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Citrus fruits	Grapefruits, oranges, lemons, limes, mandarins	0.9	0.01*
Tree nuts	Almonds, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, chestnuts, coconuts, hazelnut/cobnuts, macadamias, pecans, pine nut kernels, pistachios, walnuts	0.2	0.01*
Pome fruits	Apples, pears, quinces, medlars, loquats/Japanese medlars	0.7	0.01*
Stone fruits	Apricots, cherries, peaches, plums	2	0.01*
Berries and small fruits	Table grapes, wine grapes, blueberries, cranberries, currants, gooseberries, azaroles/Mediterranean medlars	0.7	0.01*
	Strawberries	3	0.01*
	Blackberries, dewberries, raspberries	7	0.01*
	Elderberries	0.4	0.01*
Fruiting vegetables	Tomatoes, aubergines/eggplants	0.5	0.01*
	Sweet peppers/bell peppers	3	0.01*
	Cucumbers, gherkins, courgettes, melons, pumpkins, watermelons	0.5	0.01*
Leaf vegetables, herbs and edible flowers	Basil and edible flowers	40	0.02*
Legume vegetables	Beans (with pods), peas (with pods)	7	0.01*
	Beans (without pods), peas (without pods), lentils	0.4	0.01*
Pulses	Beans	0.3	0.01*
Oilseeds	Cotton seeds	0.3	0.01*
Hops		20	0.05*
Products of animal origin	Fat from swine/ bovine/ sheep/ goat/ equine/ other farmed terrestrial animals	0.05	0.02*

* Limit of determination.
1 Sum of bifenazate plus bifenazate-diazene expressed as bifenazate.

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