

Maximum residue levels for carbendazim

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

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has presented a draft proposal to lower the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for carbendazim to 0.01 mg/kg on oranges, grapefruit, mangoes, and papayas (see Table 1).

Actions


Suppliers to the EU market of **oranges**, **grapefruit**, **mangoes**, and **papayas** should prepare for carbendazim MRLs to be reduced to 0.01 mg/kg, taking into account the potentially short period for transition.

Timeline

Due to the acute health risk, the Commission proposes that the new MRLs should apply 3 months after the new Regulation is published, rather than the usual 6 months ([European Commission 2025a](#)). Publication was originally foreseen for 2025. However, the Regulation is currently on hold pending ongoing discussions within the Commission ([European Commission 2025b](#)).

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Changes to maximum residue levels for carbendazim ^[1]			
Food category	Products	Carbendazim (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Citrus fruit	Grapefruits, oranges	0.2	0.01*
Miscellaneous fruits	Mangoes	0.5	0.01*
	Papayas	0.2	0.01*
<p>[1] Sum of benomyl and carbendazim expressed as carbendazim. * Limit of determination.</p> <div>  www.agrinfo.eu </div>			

Source: based on [Draft](#) Commission Regulation

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