

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

The proposal will be discussed by EU Member States in June 2025. 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. Publication is likely to be in the fourth quarter of 2025.

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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*
[1] Sum of benomyl and carbendazim expressed as carbendazim. * Limit of determination.  www.agrinfo.eu			

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

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