Maximum residue levels for carbofuran

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Draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for carbofuran, imazalil, mandipropamid, propaquizafop, quizalofop-P-ethyl and quizalofop-P-tefuryl in or on certain products

Draft Annex (PLAN/2025/2832)

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) proposes to lower the maximum residue level (MRL) for carbofuran on cotton seeds from 0.1 mg/kg to the limit of determination (LOD) of 0.02 mg/kg. (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.)

Carbofuran is not approved in the EU, and the Codex Alimentarius MRL on which the EU MRL was based was revoked in 2024.

Actions

Suppliers to the EU market of cotton seeds should look for alternative chemical and non-chemical solutions to the use of carbofuran.

The World Trade Organization consultation on this proposal closed on 30 June 2026.

Timeline

The new MRL is expected to apply from **September 2027**.

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