Maximum residue levels for chlormequat

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/1314 as regards maximum residue levels for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, chlormequat, metribuzin, metribuzin-desamino-diketo (metribuzin-DADK), terbuthylazine and triclopyr in or on certain products.

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has reduced the maximum residue level (MRL) for chlormequat on wheat, cultivated fungi, and most animal products (see Table 1).

When a temporary MRL is set, it is reviewed periodically to take account of new monitoring data submitted by food operators. If there is no data, or if the data shows that residues are no longer detectable, then the MRL is lowered to the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods).

In the case of chlormequat on oyster mushrooms, the latest data submitted showed that the residues detected were under 2 mg/kg (but still higher than the LOD of 0.01 mg/kg). So in this case, the MRL is reduced from the previous level of 6 mg/kg down to 2 mg/kg (not as low as the LOD). The same applies in the case of cultivated fungi, where the MRL is reduced from 0.9 to 0.6 mg/kg.

Regarding animal products, chlormequat may be used on oilseeds or cereals that are used as animal feed, with potential carry-over of residues in food products of animal origin. The MRLs have therefore been reduced for most animal products (with the exceptions of sheep kidney, and poultry muscle and fat).

Timeline

The new MRLs will apply from **6 January 2027**.

The MRL on oats has applied since 11 February 2026.

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
Changes in chlormequat maximum residue levels[1]

Food category	Products	Chlormequat (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Fungi, mosses, lichens	Oyster mushrooms	6	2
	Cultivated fungi (other than oyster mushrooms)	0.9	0.6
Cereals	Wheat	7	6
Products of animal origin			
Swine	Muscle	0.3	0.015
	Fat	0.15	0.01*
	Liver	1.5	0.05
	Kidney	1.5	0.15
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney)	1.5	0.15
Cattle	Muscle	0.3	0.15
	Fat	0.15	0.05
	Liver	1.5	0.4
	Kidney	1.5	1
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney)	1.5	1
Sheep	Fat	0.15	0.09
	Liver	1.5	0.7
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney)	1.5	2
Goat	Muscle	0.3	0.4
	Fat	0.15	0.09
	Liver	1.5	0.7
	Kidney	1.5	2
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney)	1.5	2
Horse	Muscle	0.3	0.15
	Fat	0.15	0.05
	Liver	1.5	0.4
	Kidney	1.5	1
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney)	1.5	1
Poultry	Liver	0.15	0.015
	Kidney	0.15	0.015
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney)	0.15	0.015
Other farmed terrestrial animals	Muscle	0.3	0.15
	Fat	0.15	0.05
	Liver	1.5	0.4
	Kidney	1.5	1
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney)	1.5	1
Milk	Cattle	0.5	0.3
	Sheep/goat	0.5	0.3
	Horse	0.5	0.3
Bird eggs	Chicken/duck/geese/quail	0.15	0.02

1. For products not listed here, no changes are proposed.
* Limit of determination (LOD).

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