Maximum residue levels for chlormequat

Published by AGRINFO on 13 Nov 2025; Revised 06 Jan 2026

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

Draft Annex

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has informed the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee that it intends to reduce chlormequat maximum residue levels (MRLs) on animal products and cultivated fungi (see Table 1).

Food operators have submitted recent monitoring data showing that chlormequat residues still occur in oyster mushrooms and cultivated fungi at levels higher than the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods). As the majority of residues in the new monitoring data are lower than the current MRL, the MRL can be lowered somewhat, although not all the way to the LOD.

The MRLs are lowered for most animal products except for sheep kidney, and for poultry muscle and fat. This is because chlormequat residues can be carried over to products of animal origin when it is used on oilseeds or cereals used as feed.

Actions

Competent authorities of countries that are members of the WTO can submit comments on the EU's proposal by emailing the EU SPS Enquiry Point until **1 February 2026**.

Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be published in July 2026. It is expected that new MRLs will apply from late 2026 or early 2027.

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.

Tables & Figures

Table 1
Proposed changes for chlormequat maximum residue levels[1]

Food category	Products	Chlormequat (mg/kg)	
		Existing MRL	Proposed MRL
Fungi, mosses, lichens	Cultivated fungi (other than oyster mushrooms)	0.9	0.6
	Oyster mushrooms	6	2
Cereals	Oat	15	30
	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

Continued …

Table 1
Continued

Food category	Products	Chlormequat (mg/kg)	
		Existing MRL	Existing MRL
Milk	Cattle, sheep, goat, horse	0.5	0.3
Bird eggs	Chicken/duck/goose/quail	0.15	0.02

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

AGRINFO
www.agrinfo.eu

Source: PLAN/2025/1086 -rev3, and Draft Regulation, Recital (11) and (12) for cultivated fungi