

Maximum residue levels for chlormequat

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Commission Regulation (EU) [2026/140](#) as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl, chlormequat, metalaxyl-M, pyraclostrobin, sulfoxaflor and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

[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 IIIA

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has raised the maximum residue level (MRL) for chlormequat on oats from 15 to 30 mg/kg.

The European Commission has also informed the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee that it intends to reduce the MRLs for chlormequat on animal products and cultivated fungi (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, where the MRL was set at 6 mg/kg, 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, it is proposed to reduce the MRL from 6 down to 2 mg/kg, but not as low as the LOD. The same applies to the case of cultivated fungi, where it is proposed to reduce the MRL from 0.9 to 0.6 mg/kg. It is also proposed to lower the MRLs 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.

Timeline

The new MRL on oats applies from **11 February 2026**.

The Regulation on fungi and animal products is expected to be published in July 2026, and new MRLs are expected to apply from late 2026 or early 2027.

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Tables & Figures

| Table 1 Changes under discussion 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 |
| 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 |
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|---|---|---------------------|--------------|
| Food category | Products | Chlormequat (mg/kg) | |
| | | Existing MRL | Proposed MRL |
| Products of animal origin | | | |
| 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 | Muscle | 0.05 | 0.015 |
| | Fat | 0.05 | 0.01* |
| | 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 | 0.15 |
| | Sheep/goat | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| | Horse | 0.5 | 0.15 |
| 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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Source: [PLAN/2025/1086 -rev3](#); [Draft](#) Regulation recitals (11,12) for cultivated fungi

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