Maximum residue levels for diazinon

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Draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for diazinon in or on certain products

Draft Annex II v2

What is changing and why?

The European Commission proposes to reduce the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for diazinon on certain products to the LOD of 0.01 mg/kg; this could have particular impacts on exports of almonds, cranberries, pineapples, radishes, onions, sweet peppers, sweet corn, Chinese cabbage, kohlrabies, hops, seed spices, root and rhizome spices, and sugar beet roots.

This new draft Regulation considers maintaining the MRLs for certain animal products due to the presence of diazinon in authorised veterinary medicinal products.

Actions

Suppliers of **almonds, cranberries, pineapples, radishes, onions, sweet peppers, sweet corn, Chinese cabbage, kohlrabies, hops, seed spices, root and rhizome spices**, and **sugar beet roots** should explore chemical and non-chemical solutions as an alternative to the use of diazinon.

The World Trade Organization consultation on this proposal closed on 8 September 2026.

Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be published on 1 March 2027, and will apply 6 months after publication.

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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Table 1
Proposed changes to maximum residue levels for diazinon

Food category	Products	Diazinon (mg/kg)	
		Current MRL	Proposed MRL
Tree nuts	Almonds	0.05	0.01*
	Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, chestnuts, coconuts, hazelnuts/cobnuts, macadamias, pecans, pine nut kernels, pistachios, walnuts	0.02*	0.01*
Berries and small fruits	Cranberries	0.2	0.01*
Miscellaneous fruit	Pineapples	0.3	0.01*
Root and tuber vegetables	Radishes	0.1	0.01*
Bulb vegetables	Onions	0.05	0.01*
	Garlic, shallots, spring onions/green onions and Welsh onions, other bulb vegetables	0.02*	0.01*
Fruiting vegetables	Sweet peppers/bell peppers	0.05	0.01*
	Sweet corn	0.02	0.01*
Brassica vegetables	Chinese cabbages/pe-tsai	0.05	0.01*
	Kohlrabies	0.2	0.01*
Oilseeds	Linseeds, peanuts/groundnuts, poppy seeds, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds, rapeseeds/canola seeds, soyabeans, mustard seeds, cotton seeds, pumpkin seeds, safflower seeds, borage seeds, gold of pleasure seeds, hemp seeds, castor beans, other oilseeds	0.02*	0.01*
Oil fruits	Olives for oil production, oil palm kernels, oil palm fruits, kapok, other oil fruits	0.02*	0.01*
Hops		0.5	0.05*
Seed spices	Anise/aniseed, black caraway/black cumin, celery, coriander, cumin, dill, fennel, fenugreek, nutmeg, other seed spices	5	0.05*
Fruit spices	Allspice/pimento, Sichuan pepper, caraway, cardamom, juniper berry, peppercorn (black, green, white), vanilla, tamarind, other fruit spices	0.1*	0.05*
Root and rhizome spices	Liquorice, turmeric/curcuma, other root/rhizome spices	0.5	0.05*
Sugar plants	Sugar beet roots	0.1	0.01*
Products of animal origin:			
Swine	Fat	0.7	0.01*
	Liver, kidney	0.03	0.02
Cattle, sheep, goats	Liver, kidney	0.03	0.02
Poultry	Muscle, edible offals (other than liver and kidney)	0.02	0.01*
Milk	Cattle, horse	0.02	0.01*
Honey and other apiculture products		0.01*	0.05*

* Limit of determination (LOD).

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