

Maximum residue levels for dicofol

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[Draft](#) Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for azocyclotin, chlorfenapyr, cyhexatin, diazinon, dicofol, endosulfan, fenarimol, fenpropathrin and profenofos in or on certain products

[Draft](#) Annex

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) is discussing the reduction of dicofol maximum residue levels (MRLs) on several products, with the most significant impacts on melons, cotton seeds, teas, hops, and poultry products (see Table 1). This is because the European Food Safety Authority was unable to complete a risk assessment of this pesticide due to a lack of relevant data. Dicofol has never been approved for use within the EU.

Actions

Suppliers to the EU market of melons, cotton seeds, teas, hops, and poultry products should review their existing use of dicofol and start to identify alternative pesticides.

Timeline


This Regulation is still under discussion. It is expected to be adopted in 2026, with new MRLs applying from mid-2027.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Changes under discussion for dicofol maximum residue levels ^[1]			
Food category	Products	Dicofol (mg/kg)	
		Existing MRL	Proposed MRL
Tree nuts	Almonds, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, chestnuts, coconuts, hazelnuts/ cobnuts, macadamias, pecans, pine nut kernels, pistachios, walnuts	0.05*	0.02*
Bulb vegetables	Garlic, onions, shallots, spring onions/green onions and Welsh onions	0.05*	0.02*
Fruiting vegetables	Melons	0.2	0.02*
Oilseeds	Linseeds, peanuts/groundnuts, soybeans, castor beans, seeds of: poppy, sesame, sunflower, rapeseed/canola, mustard, pumpkin, safflower, borage, gold of pleasure, hemp	0.05*	0.02*
	Cotton seeds	0.1	0.02*
Oil fruits	Olives for oil production, oil palm kernels and fruits, kapok	0.05*	0.02*
Teas	Teas	20	0.02*
Cocoa beans	Cocoa beans	0.1*	0.04*
Hops	Hops	50	0.1*
Products of animal origin	Muscle, fat (poultry)	0.1	0.02*
	Liver, kidney, edible offals (poultry)	0.05	0.02*
	Milk (cattle, sheep, goats, horse)	0.1	0.02*
	Bird eggs (chicken, ducks, geese, quails)	0.05	0.02*
	Honey and other apiculture products	0.02*	0.1*

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


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