

Maximum residue levels for difluoroacetic acid

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Regulation

[Draft](#) Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, difluoroacetic acid (DFA), flupyram and flupyradifurone in or on certain products

[Annex II](#)

What is changing and why?

The EU proposes to increase the MRLs for difluoroacetic acid as summarised in Table 1. A review of the existing MRLs did not identify a consumer health risk. The EU therefore proposes to adopt higher MRLs to avoid trade barriers when importing these crops.

Difluoroacetic acid is not itself a pesticide. It is produced in crops following application of the insecticide [flupyradifurone](#).

Actions

Feedback on this proposal closed on 10 February 2024.

Timeline

Expected date of publication: August 2024.


The new MRLs are expected to apply from early 2025.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Proposed changes to maximum residue levels for difluoroacetic acid ^[1]			
Food category	Products	Difluoroacetic acid (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Citrus fruits	Lemons, limes, mandarins	0.05	0.09
Tree nuts	Macadamias	0.04	0.3
Stone fruits	Apricots, peaches, plums	0.02*	0.3
	Cherries	0.02*	0.15
Berries and small fruits	Dewberries	0.02*	0.07
Miscellaneous fruits	Avocados	0.02*	0.15
	Mangoes, papayas	0.02*	0.2
Brassica vegetables	Chinese cabbages/pe-tsai	0.02*	0.7
	Kales	0.6	0.7
Stem vegetables	Asparagus	0.2	0.5
Oilseeds	Sesame seeds	0.05	0.9
	Sunflower seeds	0.05	0.15
Cereals	Maize/corn	0.1	0.15
	Oats	0.3	0.8
	Rye	0.3	1.5
Sugar plants	Sugar beet roots, chicory roots	0.02*	0.09
Products of animal origin	Fat from pigs	0.1	0.2
	Liver from pigs	0.09	0.1
	Fat from sheep and goats	0.15	0.3
	Fat from poultry	0.03	0.04

[1] For products not listed in this table, no changes are proposed.
* Limit of determination.


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