

THE LATEST ON EU AGRI-FOOD POLICIES IMPACTING LOW-INCOME & MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

Maximum residue levels for dimoxystrobin

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EU proposes to amend MRLs for dimoxystrobin

<u>Draft</u> Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for dimoxystrobin, ethephon and propamocarb in or on certain products

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Update

The European Commission has informed the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee that it intends to lower the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for dimoxystrobin to the limit of determination (LOD) on all products (<u>G/SPS/N/EU/801</u>). (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.) Revised MRLs will have impacts particularly on exporters of **sunflower seeds**, **rye**, and **wheat**.

Impacted products

Sunflower seeds, rapeseeds/canola seeds, mustard seeds, rye, wheat, animal products (muscle, fat, liver, kidney, edible offals) from swine, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, poultry, other farmed animals, birds' eggs (chicken, duck, geese, quail), amphibians and reptiles, terrestrial invertebrate animals, wild terrestrial vertebrate animals

What is changing?

The EU proposes to amend the MRLs for dimoxystrobin as summarised in Table 1.

In addition, the EU proposes to lower the LOD for dimoxystrobin on oilseeds and oil fruits from 0.05 to 0.01 mg/kg, and on animal products from 0.03 to 0.01 mg/kg.





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Why?

Because the EU's approval of dimoxystrobin has not been renewed (Regulation (EU) <u>2023/1436</u>), the MRLs have been lowered to the LOD on all products. See <u>Dimoxystrobin</u>: non-renewal of EU approval.

The EU reference laboratories for pesticide residues were consulted to assess the need to adapt certain LODs. For dimoxystrobin, the laboratories have proposed product-specific LODs that are analytically achievable, ensuring compliance with updated safety and monitoring standards.

Timeline

New MRLs are expected to apply from approximately January 2026.

Recommended Actions

Suppliers of **sunflower seeds**, **rye**, and **wheat** in particular should evaluate their current use of dimoxystrobin and explore possible alternative solutions in anticipation of these MRL changes.

Authorities in countries that are members of the WTO can provide feedback on the EU's proposal (G/SPS/N/EU/801) by emailing the EU SPS Enquiry Point until 3 February 2025.

Background

MRLs are set in accordance with the rules set out in Regulation <u>396/2005</u>. For information on current MRLs for other substances, please consult the <u>EU Pesticide Residues database</u>.

Resources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) <u>2023/1436</u> concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance dimoxystrobin

Sources

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Table & Figures

Table 1 Changes to maximum residue levels for dimoxystrobin			
Food category	Products	Dimoxystrobin (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Oilseeds	Sunflower seeds	0.3	0.01*
Cereals	Rye, wheat	0.08	0.01*
* Limit of determination. * Limit of determination. * Www.agrinfo.eu			

Source: based on **Draft Annex**

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