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# Maximum residue levels for fluopyram

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EU proposes to increase MRL for fluopyram on pumpkin seeds

<u>Draft</u> Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, difluoroacetic acid (DFA), fluopyram and flupyradifurone 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 increase the maximum residue level (MRL) for fluopyram on pumpkin seeds (G/SPS/N/EU/701).

## Impacted products

pumpkin seeds

# What is changing?

The EU proposes to increase the MRL for fluopyram on pumpkin seeds from 0.01 to 0.4 mg/kg. This follows a review by <u>EFSA (2020)</u> on the proposed MRL, and a request to use the fast-track procedure in the <u>Technical Guidelines on MRL extrapolation</u>.

## Why?

In line with the <u>Technical Guidelines on MRL extrapolation</u>, existing data from residue trials on rapeseeds/ canola seeds can be applied to pumpkin seeds.

#### **Timeline**

Expected date of publication: August 2024.





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The new MRLs are expected to apply from early 2025.

### **Recommended Actions**

Feedback on this proposal closed on 10 February 2024.

### **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

EFSA (2020) Review of the existing maximum residue levels for fluopyram according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal, 18(4): 6059.

European Commission (2023) <u>Technical guidelines on data requirements for setting maximum residue levels, comparability of residue trials and extrapolation of residue data on products from plant and animal origin.</u>

#### Sources

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