Maximum residue levels for flutriafol

Published by AGRINFO on 30 Nov 2022; Revised 07 Mar 2023

EU adopts an import tolerance MRL for flutriafol on melons, watermelons and pumpkins, and reduces the existing MRL for rice

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/377 of 15 February 2023 amending Annexes II, III, IV and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for benzalkonium chloride (BAC), chlorpropham, didecyldimethylammonium chloride (DDAC), flutriafol, metazachlor, nicotine, profenofos, quizalofop-P, sodium aluminium silicate, thiabendazole and triadimenol in or on certain products

Update

The EU has set an import tolerance MRL for flutriafol on melons, watermelons and pumpkins, and reduced the existing MRL for rice.

Impacted products

melons, watermelons, pumpkins, rice

What is changing?

The changes to flutriafol MRLs are set out in Table 1.

Why?

EFSA (2020) has reviewed existing flutriafol MRLs on the basis of a request for import tolerances related to the authorised use of this fungicide in the USA.

Timeline

New MRLs will apply from 14 September 2023.

Copyright © **COLEAD 2026,** *AGRINFO is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEAD.*

Recommended Actions

- Suppliers of melons, watermelons and pumpkins to the EU market may choose to review their good agricultural practices in relation to the use of flutriafol in light of the EU's proposed adoption of an import tolerance MRL.
- Suppliers of rice to the EU market should review current use of flutriafol and seek alternative substances or solutions.

Background

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

Resources

EFSA (2020) Evaluation of confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review and setting of an import tolerance for flutriafol in cucurbits (inedible peel). EFSA Journal, 18(12): 6315.

Sources

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/377

Visit the AGRINFO website to view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

Copyright © **COLEAD 2026,** *AGRINFO is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEAD.*

Tables & Figures

Table 1
Maximum residue levels for flutriafol

Food category	Products	Flutriafol (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Fruiting vegetables	Melons, watermelons	0.2	0.3
	Pumpkins	0.01*	0.3
Cereals	Rice	1.5	1

* Limit of determination.
Shading indicates a decrease in MRL.
Source: based on SANTE/10090/2022 Rev. 5

www.agrinfo.eu

Source: Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/377

Disclaimer: *Under no circumstances shall COLEAD be liable for any loss, damage, liability or expense incurred or suffered that is claimed to have resulted from the use of information available on this website or any link to external sites. The use of the website is at the user's sole risk and responsibility. This information platform was created and maintained with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents do not, however, reflect the views of the European Union.*

Copyright © **COLEAD 2026,** *AGRINFO is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEAD.*