Maximum residue levels for folpet

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EU to increase MRLs for folpet on bananas and in honey from early 2027

Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cycloxydim, ethofumesate, folpet, mepiquat and quinmerac in or on certain products

Draft Annex II [PLAN/2026/1732]

Update

The European Union (EU) will raise the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for folpet on bananas from 0.03 to 0.9 mg/kg, and in honey from 0.05 to 0.7 mg/kg. This follows a positive evaluation of their safety for consumers by the European Food Safety Authority.

Impacted products

Bananas, honey

What is changing?

The EU will increase the MRL for folpet on bananas from 0.03 (the limit of determination, LOD) to 0.9 mg/kg, and in honey from 0.05 (LOD) to 0.7 mg/kg. (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.)

Why?

Following an application for a change of MRLs by the producer of folpet, the European Food Safety Authority evaluated the requested changes and concluded that increasing the MRL would not pose a risk for consumers (EFSA 2026).

Timeline

The new MRLs are expected to apply from early 2027.

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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 (2026) Setting of import tolerance for folpet in bananas and modification of the existing maximum residue level in honey. EFSA Journal, 24(7): e10168

Sources

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