

Maximum residue levels for maleic hydrazide

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EU discusses increase in MRLs for maleic hydrazide on animal products

[Draft](#) 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 acequinocyl, deltamethrin, dodine, maleic hydrazide, pinoxaden and prothioconazole in or on certain products

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Update

The European Union (EU) is discussing an increase in maximum residue levels (MRLs) for maleic hydrazide on a wide range of animal products.

Impacted products

Products of animal origin (swine, cattle, sheep, goat, horse, and poultry), milk, birds' eggs

What is changing?

The EU is discussing an increase in MRLs for maleic hydrazide on most animal products (see Table 1).

Why?

Following an application for a change of MRLs by the producer of maleic hydrazide, the European Food Safety Authority evaluated the requested change and concluded that increasing the MRL would not pose a risk for consumers ([EFSA 2025](#)).

Timeline

The new MRLs are expected to apply in the second half of 2026.

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](#). For further information on the setting of import tolerances, see [Pesticide residue import tolerance MRLs explained](#).

Resources

EFSA (2025) [Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance maleic hydrazide](#). EFSA Journal, 23(7): e9522.


Sources

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Table 1 Maximum residue levels under discussion for maleic hydrazide			
Food category	Products	Maleic hydrazide (mg/kg)	
		Current MRL	Proposed MRL
Swine	Muscle	0.05	0.06
	Fat	0.1	0.15
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney), other swine products	0.02*	1.5
Cattle	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney), other cattle products	0.02*	0.9
Sheep	Fat	0.1	0.2
	Liver	0.1	0.15
	Kidney	2	3
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney), other sheep products	0.02*	3
Goat	Fat	0.1	0.2
	Liver	0.1	0.15
	Kidney	2	3
	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney), other sheep products	0.02*	3
Horse	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney), other cattle products	0.02*	0.9
Poultry	Muscle	0.05	0.07
	Fat	0.1	0.2
	Liver	0.02	0.03
	Kidney, edible offals (other than liver and kidney), other poultry products	0.02*	0.03
Other farmed terrestrial animals	Edible offals (other than liver and kidney), other cattle products	0.02*	0.9
Milk	Sheep, goat	0.07	0.15
Birds' eggs	Chicken, duck, goose, quail, other birds' eggs	0.1	0.15
* Limit of determination (LOD).			
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