Maximum residue levels for mandipropamid

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EU to lower MRLs for mandipropamid on sweet peppers and melons in line with Codex standards

Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for carbofuran, imazalil, mandipropamid, propaquizafop, quizalofop-P-ethyl and quizalofop-P-tefuryl in or on certain products

Draft Annex (PLAN/2025/2832)

Update

The European Union (EU) has notified the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee of a draft proposal to lower the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for mandipropamid on sweet peppers and melons (G/SPS/N/EU/943).

Impacted products

Sweet peppers, melons

What is changing?

The EU is proposing to lower the MRLs for mandipropamid on sweet peppers from 1 to 0.7 mg/kg, and on melons from 0.5 to 0.4 mg/kg.

This follows MRL increases for mandipropamid on gherkins, pumpkins, watermelons and radish leaves in October 2024, as summarised in Table 1.

Why?

The proposed MRLs for sweet peppers and melons are aligned with Codex Alimentarius Commission maximum residue limits (CXLs) for mandipropamid on these products, and with a view to setting MRLs at levels as low as reasonably achievable. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA 2023a) did not identify risks to consumers at these levels.

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Timeline

The proposed new MRLs for sweet peppers and melons are expected to apply from **September 2027**.

The MRLs on gherkins, pumpkins, watermelons, and radish leaves have applied since 29 October 2024.

Recommended Actions

To ensure compliance with the new MRLs, suppliers of sweet peppers and melons should review their use of mandipropamid and assess where changes will be needed to existing good agricultural practices (GAPs).

The consultation on this proposal closed on 30 June 2026.

Background

In October 2024, the EU raised the MRL on gherkins from 0.01 to 0.2 mg/kg; and on pumpkins and watermelons from 0.3 to 0.4 mg/kg, based on new CXLs. The MRL on radish leaves was raised from 25 to 50 mg/kg after a request for modification of the MRL and after EFSA (2023b) concluded that the modification was acceptable for consumer safety.

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

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2633 as regards maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin, famoxadone, flutriafol, mandipropamid and mefentrifluconazole in or on certain products

EFSA (2023a) Scientific support for preparing an EU position in the 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR). EFSA Journal, 21(8): e08111.

EFSA (2023b) Modification of the existing maximum residue level for mandipropamid in radish leaves. EFSA Journal, 21(12): e8421.

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Table 1
Changes to maximum residue levels for mandipropamid

Food category	Products	Mandipropamid (mg/kg)	
		Previous MRL	New MRL
Expected to apply from September 2027			
Fruiting vegetables	Sweet peppers	1	0.7
Cucurbits	Melons	0.5	0.4
Applies from 29 October 2024			
Cucurbits	Gherkins	0.01*	0.2
	Pumpkins, watermelons	0.3	0.4
Kales	Radish leaves	25	50

* Limit of determination.

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Sources: based on Regulation 2024/2633 and Draft Annex (PLAN/2025/2832)

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