

Maximum residue levels for metalaxyl

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Commission Regulation (EU) [2025/115](#) as regards maximum residue levels for fluxapyroxad, lambda-cyhalothrin, metalaxyl, and nicotine in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) [2024/1342](#) as regards maximum residue levels for deltamethrin, metalaxyl, thiabendazole and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has raised the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for metalaxyl on pineapple from 0.01 to 0.1 mg/kg, and on ginseng from 0.05 to 0.06 mg/kg. This is because on 2 December 2023, the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted new Codex MRLs (CXLs) for metalaxyl on multiple products. For pineapple and ginseng, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) concluded that the new, higher MRLs do not pose risks to consumers in the EU.

Previously, the EU amended the MRLs for metalaxyl as summarised in Table 1, with particular impacts on suppliers of lemons, apples, pears, onions, globe artichokes, and soyabeans.

Actions

Suppliers of lemons, apples, pears, onions, globe artichokes, and soyabeans in particular should review their current use of metalaxyl and look for possible alternative solutions.


Timeline

The new MRLs on pineapple and dried ginseng apply from **11 February 2025**.

The MRLs in Table 1 apply from **11 December 2024**. Products exported before 11 December 2024 that comply with the old MRLs will not be removed from the EU market after that date, even if they do not comply with the new MRLs.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Changes to maximum residue levels for metalaxyl			
Food category	Products	Metalaxyl (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Citrus fruit	Lemons	0.5	0.01*
	Limes, mandarins	0.5	0.4
Pome fruits	Apples, pears	1	0.01*
Berries and other small fruits	Table grapes	2	1.5
	Wine grapes	1	1.5
Bulb vegetables	Onions	0.5	0.03
Fruiting vegetables	Sweet peppers/bell peppers	0.5	0.4
	Melons, watermelons	0.2	0.15
Stem vegetables	Globe artichokes	0.05	0.02*
Oilseeds	Soyabeans	0.1*	0.01*
Oilfruits	Oil palm fruits	0.01*	0.015
Cocoa beans		0.1	0.05
Fruit spices	Peppercorns	0.05*	2
Products of animal origin	Kidney and edible offals from swine	0.2	0.15
	Bovine and equine liver	0.05*	0.06
	Bovine and equine kidney and edible offals	0.3	0.4
	Kidney and edible offals from sheep, goats, and other farmed animals	0.3	0.15
* Limit of determination.  www.agrininfo.eu			

Source: based on Regulation [2024/1342](#)

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