

# Maximum residue levels for metaldehyde

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## EU increases MRLs for metaldehyde in flowering and leafy brassicas

Commission Regulation (EU) [2023/1719](#) of 8 September 2023 amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for isoxaben, metaldehyde, *Metarhizium brunneum* strain Ma 43, paclobutrazol and Straight Chain Lepidopteran Pheromones (SCLP) in or on certain products

### Update

The EU has increased the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for metaldehyde in flowering brassicas and leafy brassicas.

### Impacted products

broccoli, cauliflowers, chinese cabbages/pe-tsai, kales

### What is changing?

The EU has increased the MRLs for metaldehyde as summarised in Table 1.

### Why?

Following an application to modify the MRLs for metaldehyde on broccoli, cauliflowers, chinese cabbages/pe-tsai and kales, [EFSA \(2023\)](#) found no consumer health risk for these MRLs, which have therefore been accepted by the European Commission.

### Timeline

The new MRLs apply from 27 September 2023.

## Background

MRLs are set in accordance with the rules set out in Regulation [396/2005](#). For information on current MRLs for other substances, see the [EU Pesticide Residues database](#).

## Resources


EFSA (2023) [Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for metaldehyde in flowering brassica and leafy brassica](#). EFSA Journal, 21(3): 7885.

## Sources

Commission Regulation (EU) [2023/1719](#)

## Table & Figures

| Table 1<br>Changes to maximum residue levels for metaldehyde |                                 |                     |         |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Food category  | Products                        | Metaldehyde (mg/kg) |         |
|  |                                 | Old MRL             | New MRL |
| Flowering brassicas  | Broccoli, cauliflowers          | 0.4                 | 0.7     |
| Leafy brassicas  | Chinese cabbages/pe-tsai, kales | 0.4                 | 6       |


  
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