

THE LATEST ON EU AGRI-FOOD POLICIES IMPACTING LOW-INCOME & MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

Maximum residue levels for Metarhizium brunneum strain Ma 43

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EU decides active substance Metarhizium brunneum strain Ma 43 does not need MRLs

Commission Regulation (EU) <u>2023/1719</u> 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 European Commission has deleted the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for *Metarhizium brunneum* strain Ma 43.

Impacted products

all products

What is changing?

The active substance *Metarhizium brunneum* strain Ma 43 will no longer have MRLs. Residues of *M. brunneum* strain Ma 43, whatever the quantity, will be permitted.

Why?

On 4 March 2022, the Commission renewed its approval of *M. brunneum* strain Ma 43 as a low-risk active substance. At that time no specific MRLs had been set, so the MRLs were automatically set to the default level of 0.01 mg/kg.

The conditions of use of *M. brunneum* strain Ma 43 are not expected to lead to the presence of residues in food or feed commodities that may pose a risk to consumers. Therefore there is no need to establish MRLs for this substance.





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Timeline

The current MRL of 0.01 mg/kg will no longer apply from 27 September 2023. From this date, there will be no MRLs for *M. brunneum* strain Ma 43.

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

The removal of MRLs facilitates the use of low-risk substances such as *M. brunneum* strain Ma 43.

Background

MRLs are set in accordance with the rules set out in Regulation <u>396/2005</u>. For information on current MRLs for other substances, please consult the <u>EU Pesticide Residues database</u>.

Sources

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1719

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