Maximum residue levels for metazachlor

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1078 as regards maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin, flonicamid, isofetamid, mefentrifluconazole, metazachlor, pyrimethanil and quartz sand in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/377 as regards maximum residue levels for benzalkonium chloride (BAC), chlorpropham, didecyldimethylammonium chloride (DDAC), flutriafol, metazachlor, nicotine, profenofos, quizalofop-P, sodium aluminium silicate, thiabendazole and triadimenol in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The EU has raised the maximum residule levels (MRLs) for metazachlor:

- on leeks from 0.06 to 0.3 mg/kg
- on honey from 0.05 to 0.08 mg/kg.

This is because, following a request to amend the MRLs, the European Food Safety Authority has concluded that these levels are acceptable for consumer safety.

Actions

Suppliers of leeks and honey should maintain existing good agricultural practices (GAP) to ensure compliance with the new MRLs by May 2024.

Timeline

The new MRLs for metazachlor will apply from **6 May 2024**.

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Table 1
Reduced maximum residue levels for metazachlor

Food category	Products	Metazachlor[1] (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Root and tuber vegetables	Radishes	0.4	0.06*
Brassica vegetables	Broccoli, cauliflowers	0.4	0.06*
	Kales	0.2	0.15
Products of animal origin	Swine liver	0.2	0.15

1 Sum of metabolites 479M04, 479M08 and 479M16, expressed as metazachlor.
* Limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods).



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