

Maximum residue levels for methoxyfenozide

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Draft Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for chlorpropham, fuberidazole, ipconazole, methoxyfenozide, S-metolachlor and triflurosulfuron in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) [2023/1069](#) as regards maximum residue levels for bixafen, cyprodinil, fenhexamid, fenpicoxamid, fenpyroximate, flutianil, isoxaflutole, mandipropamid, methoxyfenozide, and spinetoram in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) [2022/1406](#) as regards maximum residue levels for methoxyfenozide, propoxur, spinosad and thiram in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The EU proposes to lower the maximum residue level (MRL) for methoxyfenozide on aubergines/ eggplants from 0.6 to 0.3 mg/kg.

In 2014, in an earlier assessment of methoxyfenozide MRLs, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) noted that residue trial data was missing for aubergines/ eggplants. A temporary safe MRL was proposed while awaiting additional data. The applicant later provided the necessary information, and EFSA has confirmed that the data supports a lower MRL for aubergines/ eggplants.

Other MRLs for methoxyfenozide were changed in earlier Regulations, as summarised in Table 1.

Actions

Authorities in countries that are members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) can provide feedback on the EU's proposal ([G/SPS/N/EU/802](#)) by emailing the [EU SPS Enquiry Point](#) until **14 February 2025**.

Suppliers of aubergines/ eggplants should review their current use of methoxyfenozide and assess whether any changes will be needed to existing good agricultural practices (GAP) to ensure compliance with the new MRL.

Timeline

The new MRL on aubergines is expected to apply from approximately **March 2026** – the precise date will be known once the Regulation is published.

MRLs for apples, pears, peaches, tomatoes, and broccoli applied from 28 February 2023.


Increased MRLs for basil and edible flowers, teas, coffee beans, and sugar cane applied from 22 June 2023.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Changes to maximum residue levels for methoxyfenozide			
Food category	Products	Methoxyfenozide (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Pome fruits	Apples, pears	2	0.01*
Stone fruits	Peaches	2	0.01*
Brassica vegetables	Broccoli	2	0.01*
Fruiting vegetables	Tomatoes	2	0.6
Leaf vegetables, herbs and edible flowers	Basil, edible flowers	4	80
Teas	Teas	0.05*	80
Coffee beans	Coffee beans	0.05*	0.15
Sugar plants	Sugar canes	0.01*	0.015

* Limit of determination.



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Source: based on Regulations [2022/1406](#) and [2023/1069](#)

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