Maximum residue levels for metobromuron

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EU sets MRLs for metobromuron on salads, potatoes, sunflower seeds and soyabeans

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/173 of 26 January 2023 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide (PAM), cycloxydim, cyflumetofen, cyfluthrin, metobromuron and penthiopyrad in or on certain products

Update

The EU has established MRLs for metobromuron on lamb's lettuces/ corn salads, potatoes, sunflower seeds and soyabeans. MRLs for all other products will be set at the limit of determination (LOD) of 0.01–0.1 mg/kg.

Impacted products

lamb's lettuce, corn salads, potatoes, sunflower seeds, soyabeans

What is changing?

The EU has introduced the new MRLs set out in Table 1.

MRLs for all other products are set at the limit of determination (LOD).

Why?

On the basis of EFSA's (2021) review of the MRLs for metobromuron, the Commission proposes the establishment of an MRL for lamb's lettuce/corn salads.

Timeline

The new MRLs will apply from 16 August 2023.

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Background

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

Resources

EFSA (2021) Review of the existing maximum residue levels for metobromuron according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. EFSA Journal, 19(9): 6841.

Sources

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/173

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Maximum residue levels for metobromuron

Food category	Products	Metobromuron[1] (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Root and tuber vegetables	Potatoes	0.01*	0.03
Lettuces and salad plants	Lamb's lettuce/corn salads	0.01*	0.4
Oilseeds	Sunflower seeds, soyabeans	0.01*	0.02

1 Sum of metobromuron and 4-bromophenylurea, expressed as metobromuron.
* Limit of determination.

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