Maximum residue levels for oxathiapiprolin

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EU raises MRLs for oxathiapiprolin on certain brassicas and leaf vegetables

Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/876 of 21 April 2026 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acetamiprid, aclonifen, deltamethrin, oxathiapiprolin and potassium phosphonates in or on certain products

Update

The European Union (EU) is raising the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for oxathiapiprolin on Brussels sprouts, kales, watercresses, and all herbs except basil and edible flowers.

Impacted products

Brussels sprouts, kales, watercresses, chervil, chives, celery leaves, parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, laurel/bay leaves, tarragon

What is changing?

The EU is increasing the MRLs for oxathiapiprolin as summarised in Table 1.

Previous amendments to oxathiapiprolin MRLs introduced since 2023 are also included in Table 1.

Why?

A modification of the existing MRLs was requested for Brussels sprouts, kales, watercresses, and all herbs except basil and edible flowers. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA 2025) has concluded that the proposed MRL is safe for consumers.

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Timeline

The new MRLs for Brussels sprouts, kales, watercresses, and herbs (except basil and edible flowers) apply from **12 May 2026**.

Background

In 2024, the EU adopted an MRL of 1.5 mg/kg for oxathiapiprolin on radish leaves. In 2023, an import tolerance MRL of 0.5 mg/kg was set for blueberries. The European Food Safety Authority determined these higher MRLs to be safe for consumers (EFSA 2022a, 2022b).

The new MRL for radish leaves has applied since 12 February 2024, and the new MRL for blueberries has applied since 14 February 2023.

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

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Table 1
Changes to maximum residue levels for oxathiapiprolin

Food category	Products	Oxathiapiprolin (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Applies from 12 May 2026			
Brassica vegetables	Brussels sprouts	0.01*	0.015
	Kales	0.01*	0.04
Leaf vegetables	Watercresses	0.01*	1.5
Herbs and edible flowers	All herbs (except basil and edible flowers)	0.02*	1.5
Applies from 6 July 2025			
Miscellaneous fruits	Avocados	0.01*	0.07
Berries and small fruits	Currants, gooseberries, rose hips	0.01*	0.5
Applies from 12 February 2024			
Root and tuber vegetables	Radish leaves		1.5
Applies from 14 February 2023			
Berries and small fruits	Blueberries	0.01*	0.5

* Limit of determination.

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Source: based on Regulations 2023/163, 2024/342, 2025/1164, 2026/876

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