

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

Maximum residue levels for penconazole

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Commission Regulation (EU) <u>2025/195</u> as regards maximum residue levels for fenbuconazole and penconazole in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The European Union has amended the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for penconazole as summarised in Table 1. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) reviewed the MRLs for this substance and concluded that higher MRLs on pome fruits, plums, blackberries, and raspberries are safe. MRLs on cherries, gooseberries, tomatoes, aubergines, pumpkins, and watermelons pose no risk to consumers and can be maintained.

EFSA has recommended lower MRLs on certain other products, including apricots, peaches, and table and wine grapes.

Actions

Suppliers of apricots, peaches, and grapes should review their use of penconazole and assess whether any changes will be needed to existing good agricultural practices (GAP).

Timeline

The new MRLs apply from 24 August 2025.

Products imported before 24 August 2025 that comply with the old MRLs will not be removed from the EU market after that date, even if they do not comply with the new MRLs.

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Table 1 Changes to maximum residue levels for penconazole			
Food category	Products	Penconazole (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Pome fruits	Apples, pears, quinces, medlars	0.15	0.3
	Loquats/Japanese medlars	0.07	0.3
Stone fruits	Apricots	0.08	0.07
	Peaches	0.15	0.07
	Plums	0.09	0.15
Berries and small fruits	Table grapes, wine grapes	0.5	0.4
	Blackberries, raspberries (red and yellow)	0.1	0.4
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Source: based on Regulation 2025/195

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