

# Maximum residue levels for phosphonic acid

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Commission Regulation (EU) [2025/581](#) as regards maximum residue levels for cycloxydim, dichlorprop-P, flupyradifurone, methyl nonyl ketone, plant oils/citronella oil, potassium sorbate and potassium phosphonate in or on certain products

## What is changing and why?


The European Union (EU) has increased the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for phosphonic acid on certain certain salads and cereals, globe artichokes, and poppy seeds as summarised in Table 1. The MRLs have been updated based on new data evaluated by the European Food Safety Authority ([EFSA 2024](#)), which confirmed that the proposed levels are appropriate.

## Timeline

The new MRLs apply from **17 April 2025**.

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## Tables & Figures

| Table 1<br>Changes to maximum residue levels for phosphonic acid  |  |  |         |
|---|--|--|---------|
| Food category   | Products   | Phosphonic acid and its salts expressed as phosphonic acid (mg/kg) |         |
|   |  | Old MRL  | New MRL |
| Leaf vegetables, herbs, edible flowers  | Lamb's lettuces/corn salads, escaroles/ broad-leaved endives, cresses and other sprouts/shoots, land cresses, Roman rocket/rucola, red mustards, baby leaf crops | 150  | 200     |
|   | Purslanes  | 100  | 200     |
|   | Chards/beet leaves   | 70   | 200     |
|   | Watercresses   | 1.5*   | 90      |
| Stem vegetables   | Globe artichokes   | 100  | 150     |
| Oilseeds  | Poppy seeds  | 1.5*   | 200     |
| Cereals   | Barley, oats, rye  | 1.5*   | 80      |
| * Limit of determination. <div>  <br/> <a href="http://www.agrininfo.eu">www.agrininfo.eu</a> </div> |  |  |         |

Source: based on Regulation [2025/581](#)

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