

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 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.



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

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