Maximum residue levels for pyridaben

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2609 as regards maximum residue levels for napropamide, pyridaben and tebufenpyrad in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/679 as regards maximum residue levels for pyridaben, pyridate, pyriproxyfen and triclopyr in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The EU will amend the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pyridaben as summarised in Table 1. This is because insufficient data has been made available to support the MRLs of certain products.

In 2023, the MRL for pyridaben on grapefruits was increased from 0.3 to 0.5 mg/kg, following a request for an import tolerance.

Actions

Exporters of apricots, peaches, beans (with pods), and animal products should review their current use of pyridaben and evaluate possible alternative solutions in anticipation of MRL changes. Exporters of pome fruits should assess whether current agricultural practices can comply with the proposed reduced MRLs.

Timeline

The new MRLs apply from **28 April 2025**. Products exported before April 2025 that comply with the old MRLs will not be removed from the EU market after April 2025, even if they do not comply with the new MRLs.

The new MRL for pyridaben on grapefruits has applied since 13 April 2023.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Changes to maximum residue levels for pyridaben

Food category	Products	Pyridaben (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Pome fruits	Apples, pears, quinces, medlars, loquats/ Japanese medlars	0.9	0.15
Stone fruits	Apricots, peaches	0.3	0.01*
Legume vegetables	Beans (with pods)	0.2	0.01*
Products of animal origin	Products from pigs, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, poultry, other farmed terrestrial animals	0.05*	0.01*
	Amphibians and reptiles, terrestrial invertebrate animals, wild terrestrial vertebrate animals	0.05*	0.01*

* Limit of determination.

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