

# Maximum residue levels for sodium hypochlorite

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EU sets MRLs for sodium hypochlorite to the LOD of 0.01 mg/kg on all products

Commission Regulation (EU) [2024/352](#) of 22 January 2024 amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for (Z)-13-hexadecen-11-yn-1-yl acetate, (Z,Z,Z,Z)-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate, acrinathrin, azimsulfuron, famoxadone, prochloraz and sodium hypochlorite in or on certain products

## Update

The European Commission has reduced the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for sodium hypochlorite to the limit of determination (LOD) of 0.01 mg/kg on all products. (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.) Where the detection level of 0.01 mg/kg cannot be met due to technical limitations, the MRL is 0.02 or 0.05 mg/kg.

## What is changing?

The European Commission has set the MRLs for sodium hypochlorite to the LOD on all products.

## Why?

Since 31 August 2019, sodium hypochlorite is no longer permitted for use in the EU. The existing MRLs for this substance have therefore been set to the LOD.

## Timeline

The new MRLs will apply from **12 August 2024**.

## Background

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](#).

## Sources

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