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**.

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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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