Maximum residue levels for sulfoxaflor

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EU increases MRLs for sulfoxaflor on okra, salads, and herbs

Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/140 of 22 January 2026 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl, chlormequat, metalaxyl-M, pyraclostrobin, sulfoxaflor and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

Update

The European Union (EU) has increased the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for sulfoxaflor on okra, various varieties of salads, and herbs.

Impacted products

Okra/lady's fingers, lamb's lettuces/corn salads, escaroles/broad-leaved endives, cresses and other sprouts and shoots, land cresses, Roman rocket/rucola, red mustards, baby leaf crops (including brassica species), purslanes, chard/beet leaves, watercresses, chervil, chives, parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, basil and edible flowers, laurel/bay leaves and tarragon

What is changing?

The EU has increased the MRLs for sulfoxaflor as summarised in Table 1.

Why?

This change follows a request for the previous MRLs to be modified and an evaluation by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA 2023).

Timeline

The new MRLs apply from **11 February 2026**.

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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. For further information on the setting of import tolerances, see Pesticide residue import tolerance MRLs explained.

Resources

EFSA (2023) Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for sulfoxaflor in various commodities. EFSA Journal, 21(12): e8481.

Sources

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Table 1
Changes to maximum residue levels for sulfoxaflor

Food category	Products	Sulfoxaflor (mg/kg)	
		Previous MRL	New MRL
Fruiting vegetables	Okra/lady's fingers	0.01*	0.07
Leaf vegetables	Lamb's lettuces/corn salads, escaroles/ broad-leaved endives, cresses and other sprouts and shoots, land cresses, Roman rocket/rucola, red mustards, baby leaf crops, purslanes, chards/beet leaves, watercresses	0.01*	0.7
Herbs and edible flowers	Chervil, chives, parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, basil and edible flowers, laurel/bay leaves, tarragon	0.02*	0.7

* Limit of determination.

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Source: based on Regulation (EU) 2026/140

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