

Maximum residue levels for tebufenpyrad

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EU proposes to amend tebufenpyrad MRLs with impacts on apricots, peaches, table grapes, beans, and hops

Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for napropamide, pyridaben and tebufenpyrad in or on certain products

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Update

The EU has informed the World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) Committee that it intends to lower the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for tebufenpyrad on some products ([G/SPS/N/EU/715](#)). Where data in support of proposed MRLs is not available, the MRLs will be reduced to the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods). The most significant potential impacts are on exports of table grapes, beans, and hops.

Impacted products

Apricots, peaches, table grapes, beans (with pods), hops

What is changing?

The EU proposes to amend the MRLs for tebufenpyrad as summarised in Table 1.

Why?

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) reviewed the MRLs for tebufenpyrad, and found gaps in the data needed to support safe MRLs for certain products. After the applicant provided additional information to address these gaps, some MRLs were maintained. For apricot and peaches, the available data supported the establishment of a lower MRL.

However, for table grapes, beans (with pods), and hops, the additional information was insufficient. For those cases, [EFSA \(2023\)](#) recommended lowering the MRLs to the LOD.

Timeline

Expected date of adoption: August 2024.

Expected date of entry into force: October 2024.

The new MRLs will apply from approximately **April 2025** – the precise date will be known once the Regulation is published.

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, except for table grapes.

Recommended Actions

Exporters of table grapes, beans (with pods), and hops should review their current use of tebufenpyrad and evaluate possible alternative solutions in anticipation of MRL changes.

Exporters of apricots and peaches should assess whether current agricultural practices can comply with the proposed reduced MRLs.

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](#).

Resources

EFSA (2023) [Evaluation of confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review for tebufenpyrad](#). EFSA Journal, 21(2): 7774.


Sources

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Table & Figures

Table 1 Changes to maximum residue levels for tebufenpyrad			
Food category	Products	Tebufenpyrad (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Stone fruits	Apricots, peaches	0.4	0.3
Berries and small fruits	Table grapes	0.6	0.01*
Legume vegetables	Beans (with pods)	0.3	0.01*
Hops	Hops	1.5	0.05*
* Limit of determination.			



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