Maximum residue levels for thiabendazole

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1342 as regards maximum residue levels for deltamethrin, metalaxyl, thiabendazole and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/377 as regards maximum residue levels for benzalkonium chloride (BAC), chlorpropham, didecyldimethylammonium chloride (DDAC), flutriafol, metazachlor, nicotine, profenofos, quizalofop-P, sodium aluminium silicate, thiabendazole and triadimenol in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

Reductions to maximum residue levels (MRLs) for thiabendazole on avocados and papayas are set out in Table 1.

Reductions to thiabendazole MRLs that have applied since September 2023 are shown in Table 2.

This is in response to potential risks identified by the European Food Safety Authority.

Actions

Suppliers of avocados should review their use of thiabendazole and assess whether any changes will be needed to existing good agricultural practices (GAP). Suppliers of papayas should look for possible alternative solutions.

Timeline

New MRLs for thiabendazole (in Regulation 2023/377) have applied from 14 September 2023.

The changes to MRLs on avocados and papayas apply from **11 December 2024**. Avocados exported before 11 December 2024 that comply with the old MRLs will not be removed from the EU market after that date, even if they do not comply with the new MRLs.

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Table 1
Changes to maximum residue levels for thiabendazole

Food category	Products	Thiabendazole (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Miscellaneous fruits	Avocados	20	15
	Papayas	10	0.01*

* Limit of determination.

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Table 2
Changes to maximum residue levels for thiabendazole

Food category	Products	Thiabendazole (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Miscellaneous fruits	Mangoes	7	5
Animal products: bovine	Liver	0.3	0.1
	Kidney, edible offals	1	0.1
Animal products: swine, sheep, goat, equine, other farmed terrestrial animals	Liver	0.15	0.01*
	Kidney, edible offals	0.3	0.01*
Animal products: poultry	Muscle, fat	0.05	0.01*
	Liver, kidney, edible offals	0.2	0.01*
Milk	Cattle, goat	0.2	0.1
	Sheep, horse	0.2	0.01*
Birds eggs	Chicken, duck, geese, quail	2	0.01*

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