

THE LATEST ON EU AGRI-FOOD POLICIES IMPACTING LOW-INCOME & MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

Maximum residue levels for thiabendazole

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Regulation

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/377

<u>Draft</u> Commission Regulation as regards maximum residue levels for deltamethrin, metalaxyl, thiabendazole and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

Proposed 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.

Actions

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

Competent authorities of countries that are members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) can submit comments on the EU's proposal by emailing the <u>EU SPS Enquiry Point</u> until **22 January 2024**.

Timeline

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

The expected publication date for the Regulation proposing new MRLs for avocados and papayas is June 2024. The MRLs are expected to apply from early 2025.

For more information see the <u>full record</u> on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest <u>AGRINFO Update</u> newsletters and <u>search</u> the database.





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Table 1 Proposed 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.	J agrinfo www.agrinfo.eu			

Source: based on PLAN/2023/326 Rev 04



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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*
* Limit of determination.	Mww.agrinfo.eu		

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