

Maximum residue levels for (Z,Z,Z,Z)-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate

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EU proposes to reduce MRLs for (Z,Z,Z,Z)-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate to the LOD of 0.01 mg/kg on all products. WTO consultation

Draft Commission Regulation 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, methyl nonyl ketone, prochloraz and sodium hypochlorite in or on certain products

Update

On 13 June 2023, the European Commission notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of a draft Regulation to reduce the maximum residue levels for (Z,Z,Z,Z)-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate ([G/SPS/N/EU/642](#)). 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) of 0.01 mg/kg on all products. 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.

Impacted products

all products

What is changing?

The European Commission proposes to set the MRLs for (Z,Z,Z,Z)-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate to the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods), on all products.

Why?

This substance is no longer permitted for use in the EU, so the existing MRLs have been deleted and set to the LOD.

Timeline

Expected adoption date: 19 January 2024.

Expected entry into force: 19 February 2024.

The new MRLs will apply from approximately 8 September 2024 – the precise date will be known once the Regulation is published.

Recommended Actions

Competent authorities of non-EU countries that are WTO members may comment on the EU proposal by emailing the [EU SPS Enquiry Point](#) until **12 August 2023**.

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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