

# Maximum residue levels on radish leaves

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EU to amend maximum residue levels that apply to radish leaves

[Draft](#) Commission Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards radish leaves

[Draft](#) Annex

## Update

The EU intends to clarify which pesticide residue maximum residue levels (MRLs) apply to radish leaves. This draft Regulation introduces a distinction between small and large radish leaves. For large radish leaves, the MRLs set for kale will apply. For small radish leaves, the MRLs for Roman rocket/rucola will apply. This could potentially have an impact on suppliers of small radish leaves.

Suppliers of products affected should review their current use of isopyrazam and look for possible alternative solutions in anticipation of these MRL changes.

## Impacted products

Radish leaves

## What is changing?

The MRLs that apply to radish leaves today are those set for kale. The Commission proposes to introduce the following distinction:

**Large** radish leaves (*Raphanus sativus* var. *longipinnatus* and var. *niger*): MRLs for **kale** apply.

**Small** radish leaves (*Raphanus sativus* var. *radicula*): MRLs for **Roman rocket/rucola** apply.

## Why?

Good agricultural practices (GAP) that are applied to radish varieties with smaller leaves are similar to GAP applied to Roman rocket/rucola, rather than those used for kales. For small-leaf varieties, the MRLs for Roman rocket/rucola are therefore more appropriate.

## Timeline

The new MRLs are expected to apply from approximately the fourth quarter of 2024.

## Recommended Actions

The MRLs for kales and Roman rocket/rucola are not always the same. Exporters of **small** radish leaves should check if their products are in compliance with the MRLs that are set for Roman rocket/rucola. An overview of all EU MRLs can be found in the [EU Pesticide Residues database](#).

## Background

Detailed descriptions of products and which MRL applies can be found in Annex I, Part B of Regulation [396/2005](#).

The product description "radish leaves" was introduced in Regulation [2018/62](#).

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

Regulation (EC) No [396/2005](#) on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin

Regulation (EU) [2018/62](#) replacing Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council

## Sources

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