

Maximum residue levels for quizalofop

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EU discusses reducing quizalofop MRLs on salads and herbal infusions, and increasing MRLs on sunflower seeds and soyabeans

[Draft](#) Commission Regulation (EU) amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for carbofuran, imazalil, mandipropamid, propaquizafop, quizalofop-P-ethyl and quizalofop-P-tefuryl in or on certain products

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Update

The European Union (EU) is discussing new proposals to reduce the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for quizalofop on various salads and herbal infusions, and to increase the MRLs on sunflower seeds and soyabeans. This may have a critical impact on trade in chards/beet leaves and herbal infusions, as 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).

Impacted products

Lamb's lettuces/corn salads, lettuces, escaroles/broad-leaved endives, cresses and other sprouts and shoots, land cresses, Roman rocket/rucola, red mustards, baby leaf crops, other lettuces, spinaches, chards/beet leaves, sunflower seeds, soyabeans, herbal infusions: chamomile, hibiscus/roselle, rose, jasmine, lime/linden, other flower infusions, strawberry, rooibos, mate/maté, other leaves/herb infusions, valerian, ginseng, other root infusions

What is changing?

The EU is discussing changes to the MRLs for quizalofop as summarised in Table 1.

Why?

The European Food Safety Authority ([EFSA 2017](#)) concluded that there was insufficient information for various products to maintain current MRLs. Following a review of data submitted to address those data gaps, and a request to modify certain products, [EFSA \(2024\)](#) supported new MRLs for sunflower seeds and soyabeans. Data gaps for lettuces, salads, and spinaches were not addressed, so revised MRLs are proposed on the basis of good agricultural practices (GAPs). For chards/beet leaves and herbal infusions, data gaps concerning storage stability and analytical methods were not addressed, so MRLs at the LOD are recommended.

Timeline

The MRLs under discussion are expected to apply from late 2027.

Recommended Actions

To ensure compliance with the new MRLs, suppliers of chards/beet leaves, herbal infusions, and salads should review their use of quizalofop and assess where changes will be needed to existing GAPs, or where alternative chemical and non-chemical solutions to the use of quizalofop are needed.

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 (2017) [Reasoned opinion: Review of the existing maximum residue levels for quizalofop-P-ethyl, quizalofop-P-tefuryl and propaquizafop according to article 12 of regulation \(EC\) No 396/2005](#). EFSA Journal, 15(12): e05050.

EFSA (2024) [Reasoned opinion: Evaluation of confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review for quizalofop-P-ethyl, quizalofop-P-tefuryl and propaquizafop and modification of the existing maximum residue levels for quizalofop-P-tefuryl](#). EFSA Journal, 22(2): e8560.

Sources

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Table & Figures

Table 1 Maximum residue levels under discussion for quizalofop			
Food category	Products	Quizalofop ^[1] (mg/kg)	
		Current MRL	Proposed MRL
Leaf vegetables	Lamb's lettuces/corn salads, lettuces, escaroles/broad-leaved endives, cresses and other sprouts and shoots, land cresses, Roman rocket/rucola, red mustards, baby leaf crops, other lettuces, spinaches	0.2	0.15
	Chards/beet leaves	0.04	0.01*
Oilseeds	Sunflower seeds	0.8	1.5
	Soyabeans	0.2	0.3
Herbal infusions	Chamomile, hibiscus/roselle, rose, jasmine, lime/linden, other flower infusions, strawberry, rooibos, mate/maté, other leaves/herb infusions, valerian, ginseng, other root infusions	1	0.05*

* Limit of determination (LOD).
1. Sum of quizalofop, its salts, its esters (including propaquizafop), and its conjugates, expressed as quizalofop (any ratio of constituent isomers).


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