

Pesticides not requiring maximum residue levels

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EU decides no MRLs required for *Allium fistulosum*, lysate of *Willaertia magna*, magnesium hydroxide E528, sainfoin pellets, and grape seed extract

Commission Regulation (EU) [2026/752](#) of 31 March 2026 amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for *Allium fistulosum*, processed; lysate of *Willaertia magna*; magnesium hydroxide E528; *Onobrychis viciifolia* (sainfoin) dried pellets and *Vitis vinifera* L. seed extract (grape seed extract) in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) [2025/2473](#) of 5 December 2025 amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for *Betabaculovirus phoperculellae*, elemental iron and rape seed oil in or on certain products

Update

The use of certain pesticides does not lead to residues that pose a risk to consumers. These pesticides do not require maximum residue levels (MRLs) and are listed in Regulation [396/2005](#), Annex IV. The European Union (EU) has added the following active substances to this list:

- *Allium fistulosum*, processed
- lysate of *Willaertia magna*
- magnesium hydroxide E528
- *Onobrychis viciifolia* (sainfoin) dried pellets
- *Vitis vinifera* seed extract (grape seed extract).

Previously, in December 2025, the EU added *Betabaculovirus phoperculellae* and elemental iron to Annex IV, and confirmed that rapeseed oil should remain on that list (Regulation [2025/2473](#)).

Impacted products

All

What is changing?

The EU has added the following to the list of pesticides that do not require MRLs (Regulation [396/2005](#), Annex IV):

- *Allium fistulosum*, processed
- lysate of *Willaertia magna*
- magnesium hydroxide E528
- *Onobrychis viciifolia* (sainfoin) dried pellets
- *Vitis vinifera* seed extract (grape seed extract).

The MRLs for these five substances were previously set at the default value of 0.01 mg/kg on all products.

Why?

The European Commission has established that the use of these substances is not expected to lead to residues that are a risk to consumers. This follows a risk assessment of lysate of *Willaertia magna* by the European Food Safety Authority ([EFSA 2025](#)). *Betabaculovirus phoperculellae* and elemental iron have been approved as low-risk substances in Regulations [2025/103](#) and [2025/845](#), respectively.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **21 April 2026**.

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](#).

The European Commission has developed [Guidance](#) setting out the criteria for the inclusion of active substances in Annex IV of Regulation 396/2005.

For further information on the EU's process and principles for setting MRLs, see [Regulation of pesticide residues in the EU – Questions and Answers](#).

Resources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/103](#) approving the active substance *Betabaculovirus phoperculellae* as a low-risk active substance

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/845](#) approving the active substance elemental iron as a low-risk active substance

EFSA (2025) [Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance lysate of *Willaertia magna* C2c Maky](#). EFSA Journal, 23(1): e9194.

European Commission (2015) [Guidance document on criteria for the inclusion of active substances into Annex IV of Regulation \(EC\) N° 396/2005](#)

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

Sources

Commission Regulation (EU) [2026/752](#) as regards maximum residue levels for *Allium fistulosum*, processed; lysate of *Willaertia magna*; magnesium hydroxide E528; *Onobrychis viciifolia* (sainfoin) dried pellets and *Vitis vinifera* L. seed extract (grape seed extract) in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) [2025/2473](#) as regards maximum residue levels for *Betabaculovirus phoperculellae*, elemental iron and rape seed oil in or on certain products

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