

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

Pesticides not requiring maximum residue levels

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EU to establish five pesticides not requiring MRLs

<u>Draft</u> Commission Regulation 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

Update

The use of certain pesticides does not lead to residues that are a risk to the consumer. These pesticides therefore do not require maximum residue levels (MRLs). The European Commission proposes to add five substances to the list of pesticides not requiring MRLs:

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

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What is changing?

The European Commission proposes to add the following substances to the list of pesticides not requiring 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 substances on all products are currently set at the default value of 0.01 mg/kg.

Why?

In the course of approving these substances, the European Commission has established that their use is not expected to lead to residues that are a risk to consumers. In the case of lysate of *Willaertia magna*, this follows a risk assessment by the European Food Safety Authority (<u>EFSA 2025</u>).

Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be published in January 2026, and will apply 20 days after its publication.

Background

MRLs are set in accordance with the rules set out in Regulation <u>396/2005</u>. For information on current MRLs for other substances, please consult the <u>EU Pesticide Residues database</u>.

The European Commission has developed <u>Guidance</u> 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 <u>Regulation of pesticide residues in the EU – Questions and Answers</u>.

Resources

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

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

European Commission (2015) <u>Guidance document on criteria for the inclusion of active</u> substances into Annex IV of Regulation (EC) N° 396/2005





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