# 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


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## 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.


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## 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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