

Maximum residue levels for chlorpropham

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EU proposes to lower MRLs for chlorpropham on potatoes

[Draft](#) Commission Regulation 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 chlorpropham, fuberidazole, ipconazole, methoxyfenozide, S-metolachlor and triflurosulfuron in or on certain products

[Draft](#) Annex (PLAN/2024/1823_v1)

Update

On 16 December 2024, the European Commission notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) that it intends to lower the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for chlorpropham on potatoes. Additionally, the limit of determination (LOD) on animal products will be lowered ([G/SPS/N/EU/802](#)). (The LOD is the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods.)

Impacted products

Potatoes, animal products (muscle, fat, liver, kidney and edible offals), bird eggs (chicken, duck, geese, quail)

What is changing?

The EU proposes to reduce the MRL for chlorpropham on potatoes from 0.35 to 0.2 mg/kg.

Additionally, the LOD for animal products will be lowered from 0.05 to 0.02 mg/kg, and for poultry and eggs to 0.01 mg/kg.

Why?

As chlorpropham is no longer approved in the EU, in most cases the MRLs will be set at the product-specific LODs.

A temporary MRL for chlorpropham in potatoes was previously set at 0.35 mg/kg. On the basis of new monitoring data submitted to the Commission, it has been demonstrated that the lower level of 0.2 mg/kg is achievable.

Timeline

The new MRLs will apply from approximately March 2026 – the precise date will be known once the Regulation is published.

Recommended Actions

Feedback on the EU proposal closed on 14 February 2025 ([G/SPS/N/EU/802](#)).

Suppliers of potatoes to the EU market should verify current good agricultural practices (GAP) to ensure compliance with a reduced MRL.

It is important to continue monitoring chlorpropham levels in potatoes so that data can be submitted to the Commission before approximately July 2027, after which a new review will be carried out.

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](#).

Sources

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