

Triclopyr: non-renewal of EU approval

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Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance triclopyr

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has informed the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO TBT) Committee that it does not intend to renew approval of the active substance triclopyr ([G/TBT/N/EU/1247](#)). This is due to concerns about risks to “residential children” (children who live near agricultural areas where plant protection products are applied), mammals, and non-target arthropods. EU Member States will have to withdraw authorisations for products containing triclopyr. It is likely that the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for triclopyr will be reduced to the limit of determination (LOD, the lowest level that can be detected using the most modern and reliable analytical methods) in 2027. There will be potential impacts on exporters of citrus fruits, apples, pears, apricots and peaches, kiwi fruits, rice, and products of animal origin.

Actions

Comments or concerns about potential impacts can be submitted, via the [EU TBT Enquiry Point](#) before **12 December 2026**.

Suppliers of oranges, lemons, mandarins, apples, pears, apricots and peaches, kiwi fruits, rice, and products of animal origin currently using triclopyr, should review current agricultural practices and seek alternative solutions as the MRLs are likely to change.

Timeline

The withdrawal of approval for triclopyr is likely to be in the first quarter of 2027. EU Member States will have to withdraw authorisation of products containing triclopyr within the following 6 months.

EU producers will be allowed to use existing stocks of products containing triclopyr until the first quarter of 2028.

It is likely that the European Commission will revise the MRLs for triclopyr in 2027.

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