



## MRLS REDUCED FOR TWO PESTICIDES WIDELY USED ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

*There are upcoming reductions to maximum residue levels (MRLs) for two pesticides widely used on fruit and vegetables.*

### Oxamyl

Oxamyl is an insecticide used mainly on vegetables. The European Union (EU) is reducing the MRLs for oxamyl on all products to levels of determination (LOD) of between 0.001 and 0.005 mg/kg. These values are lower than the standard default LOD of 0.01 mg/kg to provide the increased levels of consumer protection considered necessary by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

The new MRLs will apply from approximately March 2024 – the precise date will be known once the Regulation is published.

These changes may particularly affect exports of aubergine, melon and watermelon which currently have MRLs. Other products on which EU Member State controls have found oxamyl residues in 2020 – 2023 are: beans, cabbage, carrot, cucumber, potato, and tomato. .

The lower MRLs will also have implications for laboratories conducting pesticide residue analyses. Non-EU authorities can seek advice from EU Reference Laboratories on how to achieve these lower levels in residue analysis (for more information see AGRINFO: [Maximum residue levels for oxamyl](#)).

### Indoxacarb

Indoxacarb is another insecticide widely used on fruits and vegetables. The MRLs will be set at the LOD of 0.01 mg/kg for all products (except cranberries, honey, spices, and teas, for which the MRLs are unchanged).

The new MRLs will apply from approximately June 2024 – the precise date will be known once the Regulation is published.

These changes may particularly affect exports of aubergine, banana, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumber, grapes, melon, pear, peppers, potato, spinach, sweet potato, and tomato (products on which indoxacarb residues have been found by EU Member State controls between 2020 and 2023).

It is essential that suppliers of fruit and vegetables to the EU market are aware of these changes, verify their use of oxamyl and indoxacarb, and take measures to ensure compliance with the new MRLs.

For further information from AGRINFO explaining the proposed new rules and their implications, see [Maximum residue levels for oxamyl](#) and [Maximum residue levels for indoxacarb](#).

Please contact the AGRINFO team if you have any questions or need further information about these changes, either via [Ask AGRINFO](#) or by sending an email to [agrinfo@colead.link](mailto:agrinfo@colead.link).



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