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Plant protection products log – February 2025

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Actives and issues of particular interest to the sector are **highlighted**.

Any member wishing to raise a topic or issue, please contact a member of the secretariat.

WTO Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) notifications

- EU**
Maximum residue levels for fenbuconazole and penconazole in or on certain products (Issued: 20/02/25. Deadline: N/A)
LINK: <https://epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2025-02-14&distributionDateTo=2025-02-24&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F780%2FAdd.1>
- Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/115 of 21 January 2025 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for fluxapyroxad, lambda-cyhalothrin, metalaxyl, and nicotine in or on certain products (Issued: 20/02/25. Deadline: N/A)
LINK: <https://epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2025-02-14&distributionDateTo=2025-02-24&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F809>
- Maximum residue levels for zoxamide in or on certain products (Issued: 05/02/25. Deadline: N/A)
LINK: <https://epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2025-02-01&distributionDateTo=2025-02-14&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F775%2FAdd.1>
- Maximum residue levels for acetamiprid in or on certain products (Issued: 05/02/25. Deadline: N/A)
LINK: <https://epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2025-02-01&distributionDateTo=2025-02-14&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F787%2FAdd.1>

EU pesticides legislative developments

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/195 of 3 February 2025 amending Annex II to Regulation \(EC\) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for fenbuconazole and penconazole in or on certain products](#)

EU Standing Committee (PAFF) meetings

Pesticides Legislation 11-12/03/25

The agenda can be viewed [here](#). The minutes of the meeting are not yet available.

Section A Information and/or discussion

A.04 Exchange of views on EFSA conclusions/EFSA scientific reports:

- **Renewal of approval**

6. Fludioxonil

A.05 Draft Review/Renewal Reports for discussion:

New active substances / Amendment of conditions of approval

1. Clove oil

- **Renewal of approval**

4. Pelargonic acid

5. Rape seed oil

6. Sulfur

A.11 Article 21:

3. Acetamiprid

Pesticide Residues 17-18/02/25

The agenda can be viewed [here](#). The minutes of the meeting are not yet available.

Section B Draft(s) presented for an opinion

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) .../... 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 triflusulfuron (PLAN/2024/1823)

EFSA opinions, reviews and other EU developments

Meetings

12th meeting of the Pesticide Steering Network – IUCLID sub-group (11/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/12th-meeting-pesticide-steering-network-iuclid-sub-group>

EFSA reports

Evaluation of confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review for terbuthylazine (Issued: 19/02/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9231>

Statement on the update of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for copper compounds in light of the EFSA scientific opinion on the re-evaluation of the health-based guidance values (HBGVs) and exposure assessment from all sources (Issued: 14/02/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9271>

Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for potassium phosphonates in apricots and cherries (Issued: 11/02/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9232>

Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance cyprodinil (Issued: 06/02/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9209>

Consultations launched this month, or which were launched previously but which are still live.

Assessment Report on the active substance tebuconazole (Issued: 27/02/25, Deadline: 28/03/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003poKP/pc1340>

Application for the approval of chitosan hydrochloride as a Basic Substance (Issued: 25/02/25, Deadline: 18/03/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003ne2b/pc1336>

Application dossier for the setting of a new maximum residue level (MRL) for Pinoxaden in animal matrices - Confirmatory Data following Art. 12 review (Issued: 17/02/25, Deadline: 10/03/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003jjAX/pc1323>

Application for the renewal of approval of the active substance Tau-fluvalinate (Issued: 12/02/25, Deadline: 13/04/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003glf7/pc1315>

Application dossier for the setting of a new maximum residue level (MRL) for Potassium Phosphonates in wheat and rye, in the scientific domain Pesticides MRL (Issued: 11/02/25, Deadline: 04/03/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003fi9p/pc1309>

Assessment Report on the active substance Napropamide (Issued: 10/02/25, Deadline: 11/04/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003eMeP/pc1307>

Assessment Report on the active substance Beauveria bassiana GHA (Issued: 20/01/25. Deadline: 21/03/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003P1Dh/pc1273>

Assessment Report on the active substance Spodoptera littoralis nucleopolyhedrovirus (Issued: 09/01/25. Deadline: 10/03/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003FYIz/pc1257>

UK pesticide/biocide issues

UK Expert Committee on pesticides (ECP)

- 25 November 2025
- 9 September 2025
- 22 July 2025
- 13 May 2025
- 25 March 2025
- 28 January 2025 – [Agenda](#)
- 26 November 2024 – [Agenda](#)
- 10 September 2024 – [Minutes](#)
- 23 July 2024 – [Minutes](#)
- 23 January 2024 – [Minutes](#)

Expert Committee on Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF)

The next meeting of the PRiF will be held on 29 January 2025.

- 13 May 2026
- 28 January 2026
- 15 October 2025
- 16 July 2025
- 14 May 2025
- 29 January 2025 – [Agenda](#)
- [16 October 2024 \(minutes\)](#)
- [17 July 2024 \(minutes\)](#)
- [22 May 2024 \(minutes\)](#)
- [24 January 2024 \(minutes\)](#)

Pesticide residues in food monitoring results

[Pesticide residues in food: quarterly monitoring results for Q2 2024 \(Issued 13/02/25\)](#)

[Quarter 2 2024 Methodology, background and references \(Issued 13/02/25\)](#)

[Quarter 2 2024 data set \(Issued 13/02/25\)](#)

[Pesticide residues in food: quarterly monitoring results for Q1 2024 \(Issued 10/12/24\)](#)

[Quarter 1 2024 Methodology, background and references \(Issued: 10/12/24\)](#)

[Quarter 1 2024 data set \(Issued: 10/12/24\)](#)

[September 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting: ODS, Dataset: Pesticides Residues in Food \(Issued: 10/12/24\)](#)

[August 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting: ODS, Dataset: Pesticides Residues in Food \(Issued: 10/12/24\)](#)

[July 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food - \(Issued 25/09/24\)](#)

[June 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food - \(Issued 25/09/24\)](#)

[PRiF: annual report for 2023 –\(Issued 25/09/24\)](#)

[May 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food](#)

[April 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food](#)

[March 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food](#)

[January and February 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food](#)

[Pesticide residues in food quarterly data sets: Q3 2023- \(Issued 25/09/24\)](#)

[Pesticide residues in food quarterly data sets: Q4 2023 - \(Issued 25/09/24\)](#)

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Pesticide Usage Surveys release dates (see [here](#).)

[2023 Edible protected crops in the UK](#) (12 November 2024)

[2023 Outdoor vegetable crops in the UK](#) (05 November 2024)

[2022 Potato Storage in the UK](#) (29 January 2024)

[2022 Orchard crops in the UK](#) (11 January 2024)

Scotland (SASA) Pesticide Usage Survey Reports

LINK: <https://www.sasa.gov.uk/pesticides/pesticide-usage/pesticide-usage-survey-reports>

[Pesticide Usage in Scotland: Outdoor Vegetable Crops 2023](#) (2 October 2024, Biennial)

[Pesticide Usage in Scotland: Rodenticides on Arable Farms 2022](#) (7 March 2024, Biennial)

[Arable crops and Potato stores 2022](#) (13 December 2023, Biennial)

[Soft Fruit Crops 2022](#) (13 December 2023, Biennial)

Northern Ireland (AFBI) Pesticide Usage Survey Reports

[Outdoor vegetable crops 2023](#)

[Edible protected crops 2023](#)

[Soft Fruit Crops 2022](#)

[Top Fruit Crops 2022](#)

[Arable crops 2022](#)

CABI bio-control and biopesticide database

[Biocontrol and biopesticide products in the UK – BioProtection Portal](#)

HSE Chemicals Regulation Division (CRD)

Proposed future GB maximum residue levels (MRLs) amendment

Haloxyfop-P is no longer an approved active substance in GB and there are no PPP authorisations.

HSE has reviewed the MRLs and identified a number of MRLs which do not result in consumer exposures exceeding the toxicological reference values and therefore harmful effects on human health are not expected.

It is proposed that these MRLs are retained in the [GB MRL Statutory Register](#). The full range of commodities for which this applies is detailed in the draft reasoned opinion. The remaining MRLs are proposed to be lowered to the limit of quantification.

[View the draft reasoned opinion](#) on HSE's website.

The proposed date of adoption and publication of the new MRLs is 20 June 2025 and the proposed date of entry into force of the new MRLs will be 6 months after the date of adoption and publication. To meet the UK's international trade obligations, [the measures have been notified to the World Trade Organization](#).

On completion of this process, an update on the final MRLs agreed, along with the date of entry into force, will be communicated via HSE's ebulletin service.

Visit HSE's website for [more information and guidance on the MRL processes for GB](#).

Adoption of new Codex MRLs (CXLs) in GB

CXLs are internationally agreed food standards that are established for pesticide residues in or on food.

In November 2024, the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted new CXLs for a range of pesticide active substance/crop combinations. Agreed CXLs are voluntary and implementation by member countries is not automatic, but they may be adopted as GB maximum residue levels (MRLs) provided they are supported by GB assessments.

Following a review by HSE, the CXLs adopted in November 2024 that meet the required level of protection for UK consumers, have now been adopted as GB MRLs.

The new MRLs came into force on 17 January 2025 as indicated in the [GB MRL Statutory Register](#).

The full list of CXLs adopted as GB MRLs, along with the evaluation report/reasoned opinion and decision document supporting each CXL adopted, is available on the [HSE website](#)

GB maximum residue level (MRL) amendments (January 2025)

The GB MRL Statutory Register has recently been amended and new statutory levels have been set.

To meet the requirements of international trade, new MRLs have been set in the [GB MRL Statutory Register](#) for the following active/commodity combinations; the date the new MRLs came into force is also detailed:

- [cyflumetofen/ citrus fruit, apricots, peaches, tomatoes, aubergines/eggplants, cucumber, and hops 28 January 2025](#)

The [evaluation reports, reasoned opinions and decision documents supporting the new MRLs](#) are available on the HSE website

LINKS

GB Pesticides Approvals Register

LINK: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/pesticides-registration/active-substances/register.htm>

Active substance renewals

LINK: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/pesticides-registration/active-substances-renewals.htm>

New active substances

LINK: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/pesticides-registration/active-substances-new.htm>

Pesticides news

LINK: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/news/index.htm>

GB Potato Plant Protection Products and Biocides Issues Risk Matrix (February 2025)

Level of risk, imminent, medium-term to longer-term



Decreasing impact on business

Risk Analysis	PPP authorisation expires or related issues to be reviewed in the next 12 months (Before end February 2026) [Actions in hand] Dynamic situation	PPP authorisation in 12-36 months out (February 2026 – January 2029) Plans in preparation]	>36 months (after end January 2029) before PPP comes up for reauthorisation
Big Company Impact Cost Reputation Media	Criteria for defining EDs Candidates for substitution	Lambda-cyhalothrin* (I) [GB expiry 31/03/26] Metribuzin* (H) [GB 31/07/28]	Cymoxanil (F) [GB 31/08/29] Fosthiazate (N) [GB expiry 31/10/29] 1,4-DMN (GR) [GB 30/06/31] Mandipropamid* (F) [GB 31/07/31] Maleic Hydrazide (GR) [GB 31/10/32] Carfentrazone-ethyl (H) [GB 31/07/33] Spearmint oil (GR) [GB 31/08/31]
Moderate Impact Cost Material availability Working practice	Glyphosate (H) [GB 15/12/25]		Flutolanil (ST) [GB 28/02/29] Azoxytobin (F) [GB 31/12/29] Imazalil (ST) [GB 31/12/29] Ferric phosphate (M) [GB 31/12/30] Flonicamid (I) [GB 31/08/31] Thiabendazole* (ST) [GB 31/03/32]
Small Impact Cost Materials Change	Esfenvalerate (I) [GB 31/12/25]	Fluopicolide (F) [GB 31/05/26] Benthiavalicarb (F) [GB 31/07/27] Dimethomorph (F) [GB 31/07/27] Flufenacet (H) [GB 31/10/27] Difenoconazole* (F) [GB 31/12/28]	Fluazinam* (F) [GB 29/02/29] Rimsulfuron (H) [GB 30/04/29] Propamocarb (F) [GB 31/07/29] Prosulfocarb (H) [GB 31/10/29]

NB: All GB authorisations that were still in place as of 01/01/2021 were automatically extended for a 3-year period. A further extension was granted for some actives as of 12/04/2023

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	Moderate Impact Cost Material availability Working practice	Flutolanil (ST) [EU expiry 15/06/25] Plant oils/clove oil [EU Expiry 31/01/26] Plant oils/spear mint oil [EU Expiry 31/01/26]	Ethylene (GR) [EU expiry 30/11/26] Fonicamid (I) [EU expiry 30/11/26] Imazalil (ST) [EU expiry 31/05/27] Azoxystrobin (F) [EU expiry 31/05/27]	Ferric phosphate (M) [EU expiry 31/12/30] Thiabendazole* (ST) [EU expiry 31/03/32] Glyphosate (H) [EU Expiry 15/12/33]
Small Impact Cost Materials Change	Benthiavalicarb (F) [EU authorisation expiry 13/12/23. Sale and supply 13/06/24. Grace period 13/12/24] Dimethomorph (F) [EU authorisation expiry 20/05/24. Sale and supply 20/11/24. Grace period 20/05/25] Propamocarb (F) [EU expiry 15/06/25] Flufenacet (H) [EU expiry 15/06/25]	Difenoconazole* (F) [EU expiry 15/03/26] Fluazinam* (F) [EU expiry 15/04/26] Esfenvalerate (I) [EU expiry 31/05/26] Fluopicolide (F) [EU expiry 31/08/26] Prosulfocarb (H) [EU expiry 31/01/27]	Rimsulfuron (H) [EU expiry 15/08/28]	

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Secondary Actives List: Actives which may become important if there are loses from priority list

Secondary List of Actives	EU Authorisation Expiry Date	GB Authorisation Expiry Date	MRL mg/kg
Acetamiprid (I)	28/02/2033	28/02/2033	0.01* (Limit of Determination)
Boscalid (F)	15/04/2026	31/07/2029	2.0
Clomazone (H)	15/06/2025	31/10/2029	0.01* (Limit of Determination)
Fludioxonil (F)	15/06/2025	31/10/2028	5.0
Pyraclostrobin (F) (with boscalid)	Pyraclostrobin 15/09/2025	Pyraclostrobin 31/10/2029	Pyraclostrobin - 0.02* (Limit of Determination)
	Boscalid 15/04/2026	Boscalid 31/07/2029	Boscalid - 2.0
Pyraflufen-ethyl (H)	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	0.02 * (Limit of Determination)
Cycloxydim (H)	31/08/2026	31/05/2031	3.0
Aclonifen (H)	31/10/2026	31/07/2027	0.02 * (Limit of Determination)
Ametoctradin (F)	31/12/2025	31/07/2026	0.05
Amisulbrom (F)	15/09/2025	30/09/2029	0.01
Bentazone (H)	31/05/2025	31/05/2031	0.2
Cyazofamid (F)	31/07/2036	31/07/2029	0.01
Fluxapyroxad (F)	31/05/2025	31/05/2031	0.1

Metobromuron (H)	31/05/2027	31/12/2029	0.01* (Limit of determination, possibility this may be raised to 0.03 following EFSA review)
Oxathiapiprolin (F)	03/03/2027	03/03/2032	0.1
Pendimethalin (H)	15/01/2027	30/11/2028	0.05* (Limit Of Determination)
Propaquizafop (H)	28/02/2027	30/11/2029	0.1
Quizalofop-P-tefuryl (H)	28/02/2027	30/11/2028	0.1
Zoxamide (F)	31/06/2033	31/06/2033	0.02* (Limit of Determination)

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