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Plant protection products log – March 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
Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for benfluralin, benthialdicarb and penflufen in or on certain products (Issued: 25/03/25. Deadline: 24/05/25).

LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2025-03-01&distributionDateTo=2025-03-28&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FEU%2F843>

UK
New GB MRLs following on from Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) 55 (2024) amending the GB MRL Statutory Register (Issued: 18/03/25. Deadline: N/A).

LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C826&distributionDateFrom=2025-03-01&distributionDateTo=2025-03-28&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FGBR%2F86>

New GB MRLs for cyflumetofen amending the GB MRL Statutory Register (Issued: 18/03/25. Deadline: N/A).

LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C826&distributionDateFrom=2025-03-01&distributionDateTo=2025-03-28&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FGBR%2F87>

Proposed GB MRLs for haloxyfop-P amending the GB MRL Statutory Register (Issued: 03/03/25. Deadline: 04/05/25).

LINK: <https://eping.wto.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C826&distributionDateFrom=2025-03-01&distributionDateTo=2025-03-28&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FGBR%2F85>

EU pesticides legislative developments

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2025/581 of 27 March 2025 amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation \(EC\) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cycloxydim, dichlorprop-P, flupyradifurone, methyl nonyl ketone, plant oils/citronella oil, potassium sorbate and potassium phosphonate in or on certain products](#)

EU Standing Committee (PAFF) meetings

Pesticides Legislation 11-12/03/25

The agenda can be viewed [here](#). (see February 2025 log for list of agenda items of interest)

Pesticide Residues 17-18/02/25

The agenda can be viewed [here](#). The minutes of the meeting available [here](#).

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 triflurosulfuron (PLAN/2024/1823).

COM presented revision 3 of the draft Regulation and gave an overview of the modifications made ahead of the meeting. The Committee discussed the comments received from one third country following the consultation of trading partners under the WTO SPS measures agreement.

The residue definition for animal commodities for CIPC was discussed as well as the inclusion of the footnote "F". Given that the main objective of the draft Regulation is to reduce the MRL of CIPC in potatoes and considering that there is no health risk identified for CIPC from animal commodities and since a lower LOQ on animal commodities cannot be achieved at present time there is not available analytical capacity, it was decided to keep the current extended residue definition as well as the current LOQ for the animal commodities.

The draft proposal was revised accordingly to this decision, and a new revision (4) was prepared and presented for vote. The annual report on the monitoring of CIPC submitted by a food business operator which includes the monitoring plan for the next session was shared with the Committee.

MS were invited to send their comments on this report by 14 March 2025.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

EFSA opinions, reviews and other EU developments

Meetings

CropLife Europe MRL & Trade Workshop (10-11/06/25). Renaissance Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, Brussels.

<https://www.euevent.be/croplife-europe-mrl-trade-workshop/>

Webinar on the removal of Document J in IUCLID: how to report data for pesticide dossiers (Meeting on 04/04/25. Deadline: 31/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/webinar-removal-document-j-iuclid-how-report-data-pesticide-dossiers>

Info session on the Call for proposals - Support to EFSA for the risk assessment of pesticides (Meeting on 04/04/25. Deadline: 02/04/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/info-session-call-proposals-support-efsa-risk-assessment-pesticides>

EFSA reports

Modification of the existing maximum residue level for deltamethrin in cherries (Issued: 26/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9314>

Evaluation of the confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review for meptyldinocap (DE-126) and modification of the existing maximum residue levels in table and wine grapes (Issued: 20/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9309>

Modification of the existing maximum residue level for acetamiprid in honey (Issued: 18/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9300>

Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance maltodextrin (Issued: 11/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9294>

Modification of the existing maximum residue level for metalaxyl-M in honey (Issued: 11/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9296>

Assessment of fall-back MRLs for revoked CXLs previously implemented in the EU legislation (Issued: 10/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9299>

Extension of the EFSA Pesticides Genotoxicity Database (Issued: 06/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-9311>

Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance pyraclostrobin (Issued: 06/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9257>

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

Assessment Report on the active substance Trichoderma afroharzianum Th2RI99 (Issued: 20/03/25, Deadline: 19/05/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk0000041SWD/pc1385>

Application for an Amendment to Conditions of Approval for Sulfoxaflor (Issued: 19/03/25, Deadline: 09/04/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003zRw1/pc1376>

Assessment Report on the active substance metarhizium brunneum BNL102 (Issued: 10/03/25, Deadline: 09/05/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000003uvEn/pc1360>

Assessment Report on the active substance tebuconazole (Issued: 27/02/25, Deadline: 28/04/25).

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0lTk000003poKP/pc1340>

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/a0lTk000003glf7/pc1315>

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/a0lTk000003eMeP/pc1307>

UK pesticide issues

UK Pesticides National Action Plan 2025: Working for a more sustainable future (Issued 21/03/25)

LINK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-pesticides-national-action-plan-2025/uk-pesticides-national-action-plan-2025-working-for-a-more-sustainable-future>

UK Expert Committee on pesticides (ECP)

- 25 November 2025
- 9 September 2025
- 22 July 2025
- 13 May 2025
- 25 March 2025
- 28 January 2025 – [Minutes - NEW](#)
- 26 November 2024 – [Minutes - NEW](#)
- 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 – [Minutes - NEW](#)
- [16 October 2024 \(minutes\)](#)
- [17 July 2024 \(minutes\)](#)
- [22 May 2024 \(minutes\)](#)
- [24 January 2024 \(minutes\)](#)

Pesticide residues in food monitoring results

[November and December 2024 GB and NI Rolling Reporting, Format: ODS, Dataset: Pesticide Residues in Food – \(Issued 18/03/25\)](#)

[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)

2025 GB Physical, Chemical and Technical Properties Guidance

HSE is seeking stakeholder views prior to the adoption of a new GB Physical, Chemical and Technical Properties guidance document for PPPs.

The current guidance document that applies to PPP authorisations in GB can be found on our website:

[Physical and Chemical Properties - HSE](#)

HSE has drafted a revised GB specific guidance document for physical, chemical and technical properties of PPPs.

The draft revised GB guidance document still reflects the data requirements under Assimilated Regulation 284/2013 in accordance with Assimilated Regulation 1107/2009.

Key changes include updates to the text to make it relevant to GB only, updates to test methods to the latest revisions and, where relevant, updates to test concentrations to ensure they are in line with the latest test methods. Additional improvements/refinements have been made to clarify requirements and ensure consistency in the risk assessment process.

When implemented, the draft 2025 GB Physical, Chemical and Technical Properties Guidance will replace the previous draft version.

To help inform the final decision on adoption, we are seeking stakeholders' views: [Survey on changes to the physical, chemical and technical properties guidance for plant protection products in GB](#)

The survey contains links to:

- *the draft revised GB guidance document*
- *draft summary of changes*

Comments should be submitted by 4 April 2025.

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 (March 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 March 2026) [Actions in hand] Dynamic situation	PPP authorisation in 12-36 months out (March 2026 – February 2029) Plans in preparation]	>36 months (after end February 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]	Azoxystrobin (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
 Current issue Changed priority Identified as a potential high profile media issue *Potential Endocrine disruptor
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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	Benthiavdicarb (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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