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Plant protection products log – October 2025

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

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WTO Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) notifications

EU

Draft Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 283/2013 as regards the information to be submitted for active substances (Issued: 01/10/25. Deadline: 30/11/25)

LINK: <https://www.epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2025-10-01&distributionDateTo=2025-10-03&viewData=G%2FTBT%2FN%2FEU%2F1162>

Draft Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 284/2013 as regards the information to be submitted for plant protection products (Issued: 01/10/25. Deadline: 30/11/25)

LINK: <https://www.epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2025-10-01&distributionDateTo=2025-10-03&viewData=G%2FTBT%2FN%2FEU%2F1164>

Draft Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 as regards uniform principles for evaluation and authorisation of plant protection products with regard to birds, mammals, bees and drinking water (Issued: 01/10/25. Deadline: 29/11/25)

LINK: <https://www.epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=U918&distributionDateFrom=2025-10-01&distributionDateTo=2025-10-03&viewData=G%2FTBT%2FN%2FEU%2F1161>

UK

Proposed GB MRLs for emamectin amending the GB MRL Statutory Register (Issued: 02/10/25. Deadline: N/A)

LINK: <https://www.epingalert.org/en/Search/Index?countryIds=C826&distributionDateFrom=2025-10-01&distributionDateTo=2025-10-03&viewData=G%2FSPS%2FN%2FGBR%2F109>

EU pesticides legislative developments

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2068 of 15 October 2025 renewing the approval of the active substance milbemectin in accordance with Regulation \(EC\) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 540/2011](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/2027 of 9 October 2025 amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 540/2011 as regards the approval period of the active substance penthiopyrad](#)

EU Standing Committee (PAFF) meetings

Pesticide Residues 2-3/10/25

The agenda can be viewed [here](#). Minutes are available [here](#).

Items of potential interest include:

Section B Draft(s) presented for an opinion

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation (EU) .../... amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for **acetamiprid**, aclonifen, deltamethrin, oxathiapiprolin and potassium phosphonates in or on certain products (PLAN/2025/1931) Legal Basis: Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 - Article 14(1)(a) Procedure: Regulatory procedure with scrutiny

COM presented version 3 of the draft Regulation and gave an overview of the comments received from MS. One MS expressed its reservation for increasing the MRL for acetamiprid in honey in view of the ongoing review of the approval of acetamiprid under Article 21 to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion

Section C Draft(s) presented for discussion

C.03 Exchange of views 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 **1,4- dimethylnaphthalene**, chlormequat, **metribuzin, metribuzin-desamino-diketo (metribuzin-DADK)**, terbuthylazine and triclopyr in or on certain products (PLAN/2025/1086) Legal Basis: Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 - Articles 14(1)(a), 18(1) and 49(2) Procedure: Regulatory procedure with scrutiny

COM presented version 3 of the draft Regulation and gave an overview of the comments received from MS. COM noted that the draft had not yet been notified under the WTO-SPS agreement as it was still under internal discussion. MS were invited to send their comments by 10/10/25.

Pesticides Legislation 1-3/10/25

The agenda can be viewed [here](#). Minutes are available [here](#).

Items of potential interest include:

Section A Information and/or discussion

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

- Renewal of approval

5. Clomazone

EFSA has republished its revised conclusions on clomazone highlighting that the changes had no impact on the outcome of the risk assessment. Conclusions were reviewed and subsequently amended based on the comments of the applicants, who disagreed with some of EFSA's statements. MS were invited to send comments by 31/10/25.

A.05 Draft Review/Renewal Reports for discussion:

- *New active substances / Amendment of conditions of approval*

1. Clove oil

Discussion postponed.

3. Maleic hydrazide

- *Renewal of approval*

The specific restriction provided at renewal in 2017 stated that MS “shall ensure, where appropriate, that the label of the treated crops includes the indication that the crops were treated with maleic hydrazide, and the accompanying instructions to avoid exposure of the livestock”.

The outcome of the EFSA Conclusion supports removing this restriction.

COM presented the addendum to the renewal report of MH with the proposal to remove the existing restriction. MS were invited to send comments by 17/10/25.

5. Pelargonic acid

Renewal of pelargonic acid as a low-risk active substance is not possible due to necessity to apply specific measures to mitigate the identified risks for non-target organisms.

The draft Renewal Report was under internal validation and will be presented once completed.

MS were invited to send comments by 17/10/25.

6. Sulfur

COM is now reviewing the scientific basis which has led to discard *Trichogramma* as test species in the ESCORT 2 Guidance Document. A mandate to EFSA will be drafted to carry out a “comparative assessment” with the “standard species only”.

18. Fludioxonil

EFSA Concluded fludioxonil was an endocrine disruptor for humans and for non-target organisms, and the applicant had not submitted any information to possible derogations within the statutory limits. In addition, the risk assessment for fludioxonil could not be finalised with respect to the risks for consumers and groundwater contamination.

COM noted that such findings normally would preclude the approval of an active substance and informed that the draft Renewal Report is still in preparation.

COM also informed that it had a meeting with the applicant which submitted additional documents,. The applicant claims that those documents demonstrate the importance of fludioxonil and can be used to support granting a derogation under Article 4(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

COM explained that its initial analysis puts doubt that this could be done under the current legal framework.

MS invited to send comments by 17/10/25.

19. Paraffin oils (CAS 8042-47-5)

COM shared and explained the draft review report to renew paraffin oil. MS comments and views by 31/10/25.

21. Fosetyl

Discussion postponed.

Section B Draft(s) presented for an opinion

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval periods of the active substances aluminium silicate, difenoconazole, diflufenican, disodium phosphonate, extract from tea tree, flurochloridone, indolylbutyric acid, maltodextrin, phosphane, plant oils/clove oil, **plant oils/spear mint oil**, potassium phosphonates and triclopyr (PLAN/2025/2120) Legal Basis: Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 - Article 17 Procedure: Examination procedure

COM presented the draft Implementing Regulation. Two MS explained that they would vote against, one because of concerns about clove oil and triclopyr and the second due to concerns about flurochloridone.

A third MS announced its abstention because of concerns with flurochloridone and triclopyr and submitted a protocol declaration.

One additional MS explained that it would support the proposal but would submit a protocol declaration

“From Germany’s point of view, the renewal process of the approval for the active substance flurochloridone should be completed as quickly as possible, as the EFSA conclusion is currently being updated and flurochloridone seems likely to fulfil the criteria for endocrine disruptors. In addition, the renewal process for triclopyr should be completed, as no safe use for operators, workers, bystanders and residents has been demonstrated; new information from the applicant on spot applications has no impact on the outcome of the human health risk assessment (see Germany’s comment from 30.07.2025). Therefore, the SCoPAFF should vote as soon as possible on the proposal for a nonrenewal of the active substance triclopyr”.

“Sweden supports the administrative extension as a package. However, since extract from tea tree oil and flurochloridone have been identified as toxic for reproduction category 1B, we urge the Commission to present proposals for vote for these two substances as soon as possible”.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion

Section C Draft(s) presented for discussion

C.06 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance flutolanil, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/408 (Draft Renewal Report PLAN/2024/2353 RR) (PLAN/2024/2353) Legal Basis: Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 - Article 20(1) and 78(2) Procedure: Examination procedure

The proposal on flutolanil is waiting for the internal agreement within the COM. MS to share their positions by 17/10/25.

EFSA opinions, reviews and other EU developments

Meetings

Outcomes of EFSA's scientific colloquium 28 "Assessing indirect effects of pesticides in environmental risk assessment" (Brussels, Belgium, 18 June 2025). (Issued: 24/10/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-9719>

34th Pesticide Steering Network meeting (11/11/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/34th-pesticide-steering-network-meeting>

Workshop on waiving the dog studies (6-7/11/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/workshop-waiving-dog-studies>

14th meeting of the Pesticide Steering Network – IUCLID sub-group (04/11/25)

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/14th-meeting-pesticide-steering-network-iuclid-sub-group>

EFSA reports

Evaluation of confirmatory data following the Article 12 MRL review for spinetoram (Issued: 15/10/25).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9704>

Scientific support for preparing an EU position in the 56th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) (Issued: 14/10/25).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9640>

Country Report of France for Chemical Contaminants Occurrence business data collection (Issued: 07/10/25).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-9660>

Country Report of Croatia for Pesticides Residues business data collection (Issued: 07/10/25).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-9655>

Country Report of Estonia for Pesticides Residues business data collection (Issued: 07/10/25).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-9651>

Statement on the testing strategy and timelines for the assessment of developmental neurotoxicity and endocrine disruption properties of acetamiprid in the context of the review of the approval of the active substance (Issued: 30/09/25).

LINK: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/9639>

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

Assessment report on the active substance quizalofop-P-tefuryl, in the scientific domain Pesticides Peer Review (AIR) (Issued: 27/10/25. Deadline: 26/12/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000005xP5x/pc1674>

List of intended studies for the renewal of the approval of Mesotrione as pesticide active substance (Issued: 22/10/25. Deadline: 12/12/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000005sYJZ/pc1663>

Application dossier for the setting of a new maximum residue level (MRL) for Valifenalate in olive and honey, in the scientific domain Pesticides MRL (Issued: 16/10/25. Deadline: 06/11/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000005tEaY/pc1666>

Assessment Report on the active substance Verticillium nonalfalfae strain Vert56, in the scientific domain Pesticides Peer Review (NAS) (Issued: 14/10/25. Deadline: 13/12/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000005qs9V/pc1658>

Scientific Opinion of the Scientific Panel on Plant Protection Product and their Residues (PPR Panel) on waiving of the dog studies in the regulatory process of agrochemicals approval, in the scientific domain Pesticides Peer Review - Other Areas (Issued: 06/10/25. Deadline: 30/11/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000005IQFV/pc1650>

Assessment Report on the active substance Bacteriophage of Potato Soft Rot Enterobacteriaceae, in the scientific domain Pesticides Peer Review (NAS) (Issued: 18/09/25. Deadline: 17/11/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000005Wzof/pc1605>

Application for the renewal of approval of the active substance Sodium silver thiosulfate (Issued: 09/09/25. Deadline: 08/11/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000005UnEv/pc1596>

Assessment Report on the active substance Tetraconazole, in the scientific domain Pesticides Peer Review (AIR) (Issued: 08/09/25. Deadline: 07/11/25)

LINK: <https://connect.efsa.europa.eu/RM/s/consultations/publicconsultation2/a0ITk000005Thcz/pc1591>

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>

Multi-annual Great Britain control plan for pesticide residues – 2026, 2027 and 2028 (Issued 20/06/25)

LINK: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/684aaeb8f7c9feb9b04137d9/Co-ordinated_multi-annual_Great_Britain_Control_Plan_GBCP_for_Pesticide_Residues_-_2026_2027_and_2028.pdf

UK Expert Committee on pesticides (ECP)

- 25 November 2025
- 9 September 2025
- 22 July 2025 – [Minutes](#) – **NEW** (includes glyphosate update)
[ECP Annual Report 2024](#) (published 16/05/25)
- 28 January 2025 – [Minutes](#)
- 26 November 2024 – [Minutes](#)
- 10 September 2024 – [Minutes](#)
- 23 July 2024 – [Minutes](#)
- 23 January 2024 – [Minutes](#)

Expert Committee on Pesticide Residues in Food (PRiF)

- 13 May 2026
- 28 January 2026
- [15 October 2025 \(agenda\)](#) - **NEW**
- [16 July 2025 \(minutes\)](#)
- [14 May 2025 \(minutes\)](#)

- [29 January 2025 \(minutes\)](#)
- [16 October 2024 \(minutes\)](#)
- [17 July 2024 \(minutes\)](#)
- [22 May 2024 \(minutes\)](#)
- [24 January 2024 \(minutes\)](#)

Pesticide residues in food monitoring results

[Quarter 1 2025 Report \(issued 17/10/25\) - NEW](#)

[Rolling reporting August 2025 data sets \(Issued: 14/10/25\) - NEW](#)

[Rolling reporting July 2025 data sets \(Issued: 18/09/25\) - NEW](#)

[Quarter 4 2024 Report \(Issued: 29/08/25\)](#)

[Rolling reporting June 2025 data sets \(Issued: 13/08/25\)](#)

[Rolling reporting May 2025 data sets \(Issued: 01/08/25\)](#)

[Rolling reporting April 2025 data sets \(Issued: 16/07/25\)](#)

[UK competent authorities for pesticide residues in food: annual report for 2023 \(Issued: 02/07/25\) –](#)

[UK 2023 results for GB and NI, brand name details and summary tables \(Issued: 02/07/25\)](#)

[March 2025 GB and NI Rolling Reporting: ODS, Dataset: Pesticides Residues in Food \(Issued: 27/05/25\)](#)

[Supplementary pesticide residues report on plant-based foods and infant formula in Northern Ireland, 2023 \(Issued: 12/05/25\)](#)

[Quarter 3 2024 Report \(Issued: 14/04/25\)](#)

[Rolling reporting January and February 2025 data sets \(Issued: 14/04/25\)](#)

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

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

[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](#).)

2024 Potato Stores in the UK (Feb 2026 - Mar 2026)

2024 Orchard crops in the UK (Jan 2026 - Feb 2026)

2024 Soft Fruit crops in the UK (Dec 2025 - Jan 2026)

2024 Arable crops in the UK (Nov 2025 - Dec 2025)

[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>

[Arable crops and Potato stores 2024](#) (29 October 2025, Biennial) – **NEW**

[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)

Ecotoxicology: Bird and Mammal guidance is changing in NI

Clarifying how aspects of the EU guidance for Bird and Mammal assessment are to be implemented in NI.

On 1 October 2025 [new guidance](#) entered into force in the EU on how to perform the bird and mammal risk assessment for pesticide active substances and PPPs. This guidance applies directly in NI.

From 1 October 2025, any application submitted for a new plant protection product authorisation in NI or the renewal of a plant protection product in NI, which relies on a new bird and mammal risk assessment, must take account of this guidance.

HSE has considered how applicants should approach certain aspects of this guidance for product authorisations and provides the following clarification:

Bench Mark Dose (BMD)

Until the BMD for the active substance has been derived as part of the approval or renewal of approval of the active substance, the “no-observed-adverse-effect level” (NO(A)EL) should be used (unless the agreed active substance endpoint is already a BMD value).

Time Weighted Average factor (TWA)

Until the approach on the use of TWA for the active substance has been agreed as part of the approval or renewal of approval of the active substance, the PPP risk assessments should be conducted and submitted to HSE using the TWA approach specified in the [2009 European Food Safety Authority \(EFSA\) guidance](#).

For PPP risk assessments only, if an EU Member State has decided that a TWA should be used for a PPP assessment according to the approach specified in the 2023 EFSA guidance, then HSE will accept that decision. The necessary supporting assessment should be provided to HSE to accept and evaluate the risk assessment using the same approach.

Find out more on our website about [how HSE undertake pesticide bird and mammals risk assessments](#).

HSE is reviewing the 2023 EFSA guidance for use in Great Britain (GB) risk assessments and will seek stakeholder views on this issue. In the meantime, the previous 2009 EFSA guidance should be used for GB applications and assessments.

CRD training and events

November 2025 to March 2026

The training events listed below focus on the regulation of plant protection and biocidal products in Great Britain (GB) and Northern Ireland (NI).

The following events are all live online, unless otherwise stated:

- [Environmental fate and ecotoxicology GB assessment of biopesticide active substances and products \(microorganisms, botanicals and semiochemicals\)](#)
18 and 19 November
- [Physical, chemical and technical properties assessments for plant protection products in GB](#)
25 and 26 November
- [Efficacy requirements for pest control products \(main group 3\) under the GB biocidal products regulation](#)
2 and 3 December
- [Technical equivalence tier I assessments for plant protection products in GB and NI](#)
8 and 9 December
- [In vitro methods for the GB assessment of skin and eye irritation / corrosion and skin sensitisation of pesticides, biocides and general chemicals](#)
21 and 22 January 2026
- [Efficacy trials data in biological assessment dossiers to support authorisations of plant protection products in GB and NI](#)
27 to 29 January 2026
- [Ecotoxicological risk assessment for plant protection products in GB and NI](#)
5 February 2026
- [Official recognition](#)
10 February 2026, in person workshop, York
- [Kinetics: practical advice for conducting degradation kinetic assessments for plant protection products or active substances in GB and NI](#)
10 March 2026

We are also currently seeking expressions of interest in the following live online events:

- [Ecotoxicology higher tier risk assessment under plant protection products regimes in GB and NI](#)
3 to 5 March 2026
- [Introduction to classification and labelling of biocidal products in GB](#)
Date to be confirmed - March 2026

To register your interest, receive further information on content and pricing or to suggest an event please [complete this form](#).

GB maximum residue level (MRL) amendments adopted September 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 dates the new MRLs came into force are also detailed.

30 September 2025:

- Mefentrifluconazole/citrus fruits, avocados, bananas, coffee beans
- Ethiprole/soya beans, coffee beans

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

Extension to the active substance approval expiry date of esfenvalerate

HSE has extended the approval expiry date for the active substance esfenvalerate which has been supported for use in GB.

The statutory [GB Pesticides Approvals register](#) has been updated to reflect this change. Please refer to the 'Record of Changes – 2025' tab.

The decision to extend the approval period has been taken in line with Article 17(1) of assimilated Regulation No 1107/2009.

HSE will be extending the expiry dates of affected plant protection product authorisations, where appropriate.

GB maximum residue level (MRL) amendments adopted 2 September 2025
Emamectin is a non-approved active substance in GB

As notified in our previous [ebulletin issued on 7 May 2025](#), harmful effects for human health cannot be excluded for lettuces and milk.

It was therefore proposed to lower the specific MRL for emamectin/lettuces from 1 mg/kg to the limit of quantification (0.01* mg/kg); and to lower the MRL for emamectin/milk from 0.01* mg/kg to the Codex MRL (CXL) of 0.003 mg/kg. The CXL does not result in human health concerns.

In addition, HSE proposed to adopt CXLs for Chinese cabbages and other leafy brassicas (0.2 mg/kg), spinaches (0.05 mg/kg), teas (0.1 mg/kg) and edible offals (0.1 mg/kg).

In a separate evaluation, and to meet the requirements of international trade, new MRLs are also recommended to be adopted for apricots, cherries (sweet), peaches, kiwi (green, red, yellow), herbal infusions from dried leaves and herbs. These new MRLs were adopted at the same time as the above MRLs – the same enforcement data also applies to these new MRLs.

Thiabendazole is an approved active substance in GB

As notified in our previous [ebulletin issued on 7 May 2025](#), harmful effects for human health cannot be excluded for birds eggs.

It was therefore proposed to lower the specific MRL for thiabendazole/birds eggs from 2 mg/kg to the CXL of 0.1 mg/kg. The CXL does not result in human health concerns.

In addition, and to meet the requirements of international trade, HSE proposed to adopt new MRLs for mangoes, sweet potatoes and witloof/Belgian endives.

Summary

Following completion of the notification process to the World Trade Organization for each active substance, the new MRLs detailed above for emamectin and thiabendazole have now been adopted. The new MRLs were adopted on 2 September 2025.

To allow trading partners and food business operators time to adjust to the new lower MRL, the date of entry into force of the new MRLs is 2 March 2026. [The future MRLs can be reviewed in the decision documents](#) on the HSE website.

The current MRLs in the [GB MRL Statutory Register](#) have an expiry date of 1 March 2026, and the new MRLs will appear in the register from 2 March 2026.

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

Proposed future GB maximum residue levels (MRLs) amendment

Dinotefuran is not an approved active substance in GB and there are no PPP authorisations.

HSE has identified acute intake concerns for the current MRLs for peaches, grapes and celeries.

As harmful effects for human health cannot be excluded, it is proposed to lower the specific MRL for dinotefuran/peaches from 0.8 mg/kg to the limit of quantification of 0.01 mg/kg. For grapes it is proposed to lower the MRL from 0.9 mg/kg to the limit of quantification of 0.01* mg/kg. For celeries it is proposed to lower the MRL from 0.6 mg/kg to the limit of quantification of 0.01* mg/kg.*

HSE also proposes to adopt the following MRLs: tomatoes (0.3 mg/kg), goji berries/wolfberries (0.6 mg/kg), aubergines/eggplants (0.3 mg/kg), okra/lady's fingers (0.6 mg/kg), gherkins (0.4 mg/kg), courgettes (0.4 mg/kg), others-cucurbits edible peel (0.4 mg/kg) and teas (25 mg/kg).

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

The proposed date of adoption and publication of the new MRLs is 17 January 2026 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](#).

Defra – Codex circulars

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR56)

In September, the UK attended the 56th session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) which was held physically in Santiago, Chile.

The CCPR advanced over 300 Codex Maximum Residue Limits (CXLs) for 29 active substances to Step 5/8 of the Codex procedure, thereby facilitating international trade. It also revoked certain CXLs to

protect human health, as well as those no longer supported or replaced by updated limits. Additionally, the CCPR agreed to forward the Guidelines for Monitoring the Stability and Purity of Reference Materials and Related Stock Solutions of Pesticides During Prolonged Storage to CAC48 for adoption at Step 8. The Committee also endorsed a review of the process for managing unsupported compounds that do not pose a public health concern, including their scheduling for periodic review.

The CCPR considered in detail the scientific evaluation and discussions on the different methodologies available for assessing the chronic dietary exposure to pesticides. The CCPR noted that the current methodology will continue to be used as part of the assessment to establish CXLs, and that further work was required before any recommendations could be made to change the current approach.

The report from the 56th session of the CCPR is available here: [Report from the 56th session of the CCPR](#).

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Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues **Matters Arising at CAC48**

The main focus of CCPR 56 was the consideration of all the proposed draft CXLs at step 4 of the Codex procedures. In addition, there were decisions on CXLs to be retained at steps 4 and 7, and for CXLs to be revoked. The UK did not raise any reservations or concerns at the CCPR 56.

For all the following decisions delivered by CCPR 56:

- MRLs adopted at step 5/8
- MRLs to be revoked
- MRLs retained at step 4 and 7

The UK supports the CAC endorsing these decisions, and hence in the case of MRLs adopted at step 5/8 by the CCPR, these will become new Codex Food Standards (CXLs). No interventions are necessary.

NB - Whilst, the UK is content to support the adoption of all MRLs at step 5/8 in becoming new CXLs, this does not mean they will all be recognised as MRLs in GB. HSE, as the competent authority, is currently reviewing all these MRLs, and those that meet the following criteria will be adopted as GB MRLs:

- GB sets MRLs for the commodity under consideration
- the current GB MRL is lower than the CXL, and
- the CXL meets the UK's level of consumer protection

HSE's assessment will be published approx December 2025 – January 2026. Those CXLs that meet the above criteria will be adopted as GB MRLs and will have the same enforcement date as the date of publication/ adoption.

The UK also endorses the following decisions of the CCPR 56:

- The CCPR agreed to forward the Guidelines for Monitoring the Stability and Purity of Reference Materials and Related Stock Solutions of Pesticides During Prolonged Storage to CAC48 for adoption at Step 8.
- The CCPR endorsed a review of the process for managing unsupported compounds that do not pose a public health concern, including their scheduling for periodic review.

- *The CCPR agreed to suspend the National Registration of Pesticide-related work, undertaken by the EWG on unsupported compounds without public health concern scheduled for periodic review, until it became necessary to support specific requests for information on unsupported compounds with no public health concern.*
- *The CCPR agreed to re-establish the EWG on schedules and priorities, chaired by Australia, working in English, to provide a report on the schedules and priority lists for consideration at the next meeting of CCPR.*
- *The CCPR supported the continued joint CCPR/CCRVDF EWG.*

New Work Proposals

Priority list of pesticides for evaluation by JMPR: endorse the [priority list](#) of pesticides for evaluation by the 2026 JMPR and submit it to CAC48 for approval (Appendix VIII);

NCCC Feedback on CCPR

No feedback on CCPR matters arising at CAC48.

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 (October 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 October 2026) [Actions in hand] Dynamic situation	PPP authorisation in 12-36 months out (November 2026 – October 2029) Plans in preparation]	>36 months (after end October 2029) before PPP comes up for reauthorisation
Big Company Impact Cost Reputation Media	Criteria for defining EDs Candidates for substitution	Metribuzin* (H) [GB 31/07/28] Lambda-cyhalothrin* (I) [GB expiry 30/09/27] 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		Flutolanil (ST) [GB 28/02/29] Glyphosate (H) [GB 15/12/26]	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 31/12/26] Benthiavalicarb (F) [GB 31/07/27] Dimethomorph (F) [GB 31/07/27] Fluopicolide (F) [GB 30/09/27] 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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EU Potato Plant Protection Products and Biocides Issues Risk Matrix (October 2025)

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	Big Company Impact Cost Reputation Media	Criteria for defining EDs Candidates for substitution Metribuzin* (H) [EU authorisation expiry 31/10/24. Sale and supply 24/05/25. Grace period 24/12/25] Metaldehyde (M) [EU expiry 31/08/26] Lambda-cyhalothrin* (I) [EU expiry 31/08/26] Cymoxanil (F) [EU expiry 31/08/26]	Fosthiazate (N) [EU expiry 31/01/27] 1,4-DMN (GR) [EU expiry 30/11/27] Mandipropamid* (F) [EU expiry 30/06/29]	Maleic Hydrazide (GR) [EU expiry 31/10/32] Carfentrazone-ethyl (H) [EU expiry 31/07/33]
	Moderate Impact Cost Material availability Working practice	Plant oils/clove oil [EU Expiry 31/01/26] Plant oils/spear mint oil [EU Expiry 31/01/26] Flutolanil (ST) [EU expiry 15/06/26]	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	Flufenacet (H) [EU authorisation expiry 10/06/25. Grace period 10/12/26] 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] Propamocarb (F) [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)	30/09/2026	31/10/2029	0.01* (Limit of Determination)
Fludioxonil (F)	30/09/2026	31/10/2028	5.0
Pyraclostrobin (F) (with boscalid)	Pyraclostrobin 15/09/2026	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)	31/05/2028	31/07/2026	0.05
Amisulbrom (F)	15/09/2026	30/09/2029	0.01
Bentazone (H)	31/10/2027	31/05/2031	0.2
Cyazofamid (F)	31/07/2036	31/07/2029	0.01
Fluxapyroxad (F)	31/10/2027	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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