



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Consumers Directorate-General
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Cereals (HS Codes: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origin (HS Codes: 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Regulation 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 benalaxyl, benalaxyl-M, dichlobenil, fluopicolide, proquinazid and pyridalyl in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 55  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_01_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_02_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_03_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_03_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_04_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_04_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_05_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_05_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_06_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4137_06_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed draft Regulation concerns the review of existing MRLs for benalaxyl, benalaxyl-M, dichlobenil, fluopicolide, proquinazid and pyridalyl in certain food commodities. MRLs for these substances in certain commodities are changed: either increased or lowered. Lower MRLs are set after updating the limits of determination and/or deleting old uses which are not authorised any more in the European Union or for which a human health concern may not be excluded. The residue definition for some substances has also been updated.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>

**8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**

**Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):** Codex Maximum Residue Limits for benalaxyl and benalaxyl-M, dichlobenil, fluopicolide. The list of Codex MRLs is available at: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/pesticides/en/>

**World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):**

**International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):**

**None**

**Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**

**Yes**  **No**

**If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** The European Food Safety Authority published a reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for fluopicolide. It concluded that for certain CXLs a health risk cannot be excluded. Therefore, the EU MRLs for head cabbages, chinese cabbages/pe-tsai, kales, lettuces, escaroles/broad-leaved endives, spinaches, purslanes, chards/beet leaves and celery, have been reviewed on the basis of EU trials rather on the corresponding CXLs.

The proposed regulation conforms to the relevant international standard for benalaxyl and benalaxyl-M and dichlobenil.

**9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

- "Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC"  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396>
- "Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for benalaxyl according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005." EFSA Journal 2013;11(10):3405.  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3405>
- "Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for benalaxyl-M according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005". EFSA Journal 2019;17(9):5818.  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5818>
- "Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for dichlobenil according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005". EFSA Journal 2013;11(5):3218.  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3218>
- "Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for fluopicolide according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005". EFSA Journal 2019;17(7):5748.  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5748>
- "Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for tau-proquinazid according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005". EFSA Journal 2020;18(1):5987.  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5987>
- "Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing maximum residue levels for tau-pyridalyl according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005". EFSA Journal 2019;17(9):5814.  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5814>

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**10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** February 2021.

**Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** April 2021

**11. Proposed date of entry into force:**  Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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**12. Final date for comments:**  Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 September 2020

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