



Brussels,
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Dear Ms Boulova,

Subject: Your letter dated 18 September 2024 on MRLs for acetamiprid

Thank you for your above-mentioned letter (registered under our reference: Ares(2024)7308478) in which you ask for longer transitional periods for Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for acetamiprid in the draft Regulation PLAN/2024/1403.

Your letter was shared and discussed with Member States at the meeting of the Standing Committee for Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCoPAFF) – Section Pesticide Residues, on 23-24 September 2024.

The draft Regulation lowering MRLs for acetamiprid is based on the *Statement of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on the toxicological properties and maximum residue levels of acetamiprid and its metabolites*¹, which derives new Toxicological Reference Values (TRVs) for acetamiprid of 0.005 mg/kg body weight (bw) for the Acute Reference Dose (ARfD) and 0.005 mg/kg bw/day for the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI). In this risk assessment, EFSA concluded that there is a risk for consumers concerning the MRLs for many commodities, with very high exceedances of the Acute Reference Dose (ARfD) including for table grapes (441% in children). Fall-back Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) leading to safe uses were identified so that the MRL for table grapes is lowered to the safe value of 0.08 mg/kg.

The draft Regulation is expected to be adopted and published around February 2025. Following a revision of the draft Regulation agreed at the meeting of the SC PAFF on 23-24 September 2024, a 6-month delay for its application is now foreseen instead of three months as notified, in order to give food business operators, the possibility to adapt to the new MRLs. This decision was taken in light of the comments received during the SPS consultation.

¹ European Food Safety Authority; Statement on the toxicological properties and maximum residue levels of acetamiprid and its metabolites; EFSA Journal. 2024;22:e8759.

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The new MRLs would therefore become applicable around August 2025.

In view of the health risks, additional transitional measures for products that were placed on the market before the application date cannot be granted.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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