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**Chlorate levels : Commission working document on maximum residue levels for
chlorate in or on certain products**

Currently a consultation of the DG SANTE hierarchy is ongoing on how to adequately address the problem of chlorate residues in food, including the possibilities of further discussing the chlorate residues in drinking water with DG ENV and further discussing the strictness of the regulatory framework for hygienic practices for non-animal products.

It is planned to launch a stakeholder consultation during which industry will further have the opportunity to submit additional monitoring data for chlorate residues in food and to comment on certain MRLs. However comments on specific MRLs should be supported by sufficient data. In any case more data are needed on processed products and on food for infants and young children. Data should preferably be submitted under the SSD format, however also data submitted under other formats will be considered. The timing of the consultation is still unclear at this stage.