



Temporary maximum residue levels for chlorpropham (CIPC)

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Chlorpropham

- Non-renewal of approval - Regulation (EU) 2019/989 -Maximum grace period set on 8 October 2020.
- ARfD exceeded by 797% for chlorpropham and 2360% for 3-chloroaniline – representative use on potatoes.
- COM submitted a concern form to CCPR to withdraw the existing Codex Limit set at 30 mg/kg.
- COM took action on the lowering of MRLs following expiration of the grace periods (SANTE/10482/2020).

Temporary MRL for potatoes

- Potato trade organisations and manufacturers of CIPC informed on cross-contamination from storage facilities.
- Potato industry submitted an application for the setting of a temporary MRL - Article 16(1)(a) of Regulation 396/2005.
- NL (RMS) evaluated and proposed values ranging from 0,3 to 0,5 mg/kg depending on scenario and methodology.
- EFSA concluded that the MRLs of 0.3 mg/kg and 0.4 mg/kg were acceptable with regard to consumer safety.

Timeline for tMRL

- Options discussed with MS who agreed to establish a temporary MRL at 0.4 mg/kg.
- PAFF-residues gave a favourable opinion on 6 October 2020.
- tMRL will become applicable “6 months after entry into force” of the future Regulation i.e. August 2021.
- No further transitional measures may be granted for food that was produced before the application date.

Key messages to potato industry

- The tMRL will be reviewed based on monitoring data submitted to COM by 31 December 2021 and subsequent years.
- EFSA concluded that the current cleaning practices are inadequate and that a new cleaning methodology should be developed.
- A report on cleaning practices to be submitted to COM by 31 December 2021, and updates to it in the subsequent years.
- The aim is to regularly re-assess the situation and gradually reduce the MRL as cleaning practices improve.