

Procedure file

Basic information		
RPS - Implementing acts	2024/2758(RPS)	Procedure completed
Resolution on the draft Commission regulation 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 benomyl, carbendazim and thiophanate?methyl in or on certain products		
Subject		
3.10.08.01 Feedingstuffs, animal nutrition		
3.10.09.02 Plant health legislation		
3.10.10 Foodstuffs, foodstuffs legislation		
3.70.13 Dangerous substances, toxic and radioactive wastes (storage, transport)		
4.60.04.04 Food safety		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		30/08/2024
		S&D CLERGEAU Christophe	30/08/2024
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		Renew WIEZIK Michal	30/08/2024
		Greens/EFA HÄUSLING Martin	
	The Left HAZEKAMP Anja		

Key events			
23/07/2024	Non-legislative basic document published	D089819/05	
18/09/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/09/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/09/2024	Debate in Parliament		
18/09/2024	Decision by Parliament	T10-0006/2024	Summary

Technical information	
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Procedure reference	2024/2758(RPS)
Procedure type	RPS - Implementing acts
Procedure subtype	Comitology with scrutiny
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 115-p2-3; Rules of Procedure EP 115-p04-ac
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/10/00759

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		D089819/05	23/07/2024	EC	
Motion for a resolution		B10-0020/2024	12/09/2024	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T10-0006/2024	18/09/2024	EP	Summary

Resolution on the draft Commission regulation 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 benomyl, carbendazim and thiophanate-methyl in or on certain products

The European Parliament adopted by 516 votes to 129, with 27 abstentions, a resolution objecting to the draft Commission regulation 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 (MRLs) for benomyl, carbendazim and thiophanate-methyl in or on certain products.

In its draft regulation, the Commission proposed, based on EFSA's reasoned opinion of 5 July 2021:

- to maintain the MRLs based on import tolerances for lemons, limes and mandarins at the existing levels of 0.7 mg/kg, and to set the MRLs for okra/lady's fingers at a new level established by EFSA of 1.5 mg/kg;
- to maintain the MRLs based on import tolerances for thiophanate-methyl above the limit of determination for use in limes and okra/lady's fingers for import purposes. The MRL for thiophanate-methyl on limes is set at 6 mg/kg, 600 times the limit of determination.

Members believe that the proposed MRLs do not protect the health of citizens in Europe, and they are therefore contrary to Regulations (EC) No 396/2005 and (EC) No 178/2002. They stressed that MRLs should not be set for active substances that are not approved in the Union due to health concerns. Therefore, no import tolerances should be set for thiophanate-methyl as it is identified as an endocrine disruptor or for carbendazim as it is classified as mutagenic category 1B and toxic for reproduction category 1B.

In support of its objection, Parliament pointed out that one of the farmers' core demands made when they demonstrated in the first half of 2024 was for fair and equitable treatment for products imported from third countries, which should be subject to the same standards as those produced in the EU. However, the adoption of the draft Commission regulation would allow for the continuation of imports into the Union which do not comply with the standards by which Union farmers abide. Such a situation would place Union farmers at a competitive disadvantage.

Parliament called on the Commission to withdraw the draft regulation and submit a new one to the committee lowering all MRLs for carbendazim and thiophanate-methyl to the relevant limit of determination for all uses and to refuse any requests for import tolerances.