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Report Highlights:

On February 5, 2025, the Israeli Ministry of Justice and the Israeli Ministry of Health published a request for public comments on the domestic application of changes to the Annex to European Union Directive 396/2005, amending the regulation for the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pesticides in food and feed of plant and animal origin. The publication, which has not been notified to the World Trade Organization, is only open for public comment until February 19, 2025, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time).

A. The Purpose of the Publication

Israel adopted European Union (EU) Directive 396/2005 as part of Israel's "Food Reform" initiative (for more on the initiative, see IS2024-0022: Israel Adopts Additional European Union Standards for Agricultural Imports).[1] The text of EU Directive 396/2005 was initially published on May 11, 2024, on the website of the Israeli Food Control Service. However, as the EU has updated this legislation through a myriad of amending regulations, the Israeli Minister of Health has proposed to integrate the EU legislative changes/revisions into Israel's Food Reform legislation. These changes effectively add certain food ingredients or modify the values of MRLs for pesticides in food.[2]

Note: The adoption of EU Directive 396/2005 is subject to multiple exclusions – including fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, raw meat, raw milk, honey, fresh eggs in their shells – as stated in the Public Health Protection Act. These exclusions are subject to change and for the latest list of exclusions, please refer to the Israeli legislation (see *Second Appendix A {Section 3A} Adopted EU Directives in Israel*).

B. Changes in the EU Directive 396/2005

A description of the 21 modifications to EU Directive 396/2005, which Israel plans to adopt, can be found in Table 1. It will generally be possible to continue to market food produced in Israel or imported into Israel prior to the effective date (within the limitations outlined in the table below) until the end of a product's shelf life. The date of importation will be the date of application for a certificate of release from the quarantine station.

Table 1: Details of Changes to the Israeli Legislation

	Name of EU Directive Amending Regulation 396/2005	Description of Amendments	Location of Amendments in EU Regulation 396/2005	Implementation Date for EU Directive	Implementation Date for Israeli Legislation
1	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1318 of 15 May 2024[3]	Maximum residue levels for prothioconazole in or on certain products	In Annex II Replacing the column for prothioconazole	June 6, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
2	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1342 of 21 May 2024[4]	Maximum residue levels for deltamethrin, metalaxyl, thiabendazole and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products	In Annex II Replacing the column for deltamethrin, metalaxyl, thiabendazole and trifloxy	June 11, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments

[1] GAIN IS2024-0022_Translated Documents Related to Israel's Adoption of Additional European Union Standards for Agricultural Imports
[2] https://tazkirim.gov.il (Hebrew Only)
[3] **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**
[4] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1342/oj

3	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1355 of 21 May 2024[5]	Maximum residue levels for benzovindiflupyr, chlorantraniliprole, emamectin, quinclorac, spiromesifen, and triflumuron in or on certain products	In Annex II (A) Adding column for triflumuron (B) Replacing the column for benzovindiflupyr, chlorantraniliprole and emamectin In Annex III Part A Replacing the column for quinclorac and spiromesifen In Annex V Deleting column for triflumuron	June 11, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
4	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1439 of 24 May 2024[6]	Maximum residue levels for fenazaquin, mepiquat and propamocarb in or on certain products	In Annex II Replacing the column for fenazaquin and propamocarb In Annex III Part A Replacing the column for mepiquat	June 16, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
5	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/341 of 22 January 2024[7]	Maximum residue levels for diethofencarb, fenoxycarb, flutriafol and pencycuron in or on certain products	In Annex II (A) Replacing the column for diethofencarb and flutriafol (B) Deleting column for fenoxycarb and pencycuron In Annex V Adding columns for fenoxycarb and pencycuron	August 12, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
6	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/345 of 22 January 2024[8]	Maximum residue levels for desmedipham, etridiazole, flurtamone, profoxydim, difenacoum and potassium permanganate in or on certain products	In Annex II deleting columns for desmedipham, flurtamone and profoxydim In Annex III deleting column for etridiazole In Annex V Adding	August 12, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments

[5] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1355
[6] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1439
[7] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R0341
[8] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/345

			columns for desmedipham, etridiazole, flurtamone, profoxydim, difenacoum and potassium permanganate		
7	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/352 of 22 January 2024[9]	Maximum residue levels for (Z)-13-hexadecen-11-yn-1-yl acetate, (Z,Z,Z,Z)-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate, acrinathrin, azimsulfuron, famoxadone, prochloraz and sodium hypochlorite in or on certain products	In Annex II (A) Replacing the column for famoxadone (B) Deleting column for acrinathrin, azimsulfuron and prochloraz In Annex V Adding columns for (Z)-13-hexadecen-11-yn-1-yl acetate, (Z,Z,Z,Z)-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate, acrinathrin, azimsulfuron, prochloraz	August 12, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
8	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/376 of 24 January 2024[10]	Maximum residue levels for indoxacarb in or on certain products	In Annex II Replacing column for indoxacarb	August 14, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
9	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/398 of 29 January 2024[11]	Maximum residue levels for haloxyfop in or on certain products	In Annex II Replacing column for haloxyfop	August 19, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
10	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/891 of 22 March 2024[12]	Maximum residue levels for bifenazate in or on certain products	In Annex II Deleting column for bifenazate In Annex V adding column for bifenazate	October 14, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
11	Commission Regulation (EU)	Maximum residue levels for 2,4-DB,	In Annex II replacing columns for 2,4-DB,	November 6, 2024	May be implemented 30

[9] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/352/oj/eng
[10] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/376/oj
[11] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/398/oj
[12] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R0891

	2024/1077 of 15 April 2024[13]	iodosulfuron-methyl, mesotrione and pyraflufen-ethyl in or on certain products	iodosulfuron-methyl, mesotrione and pyraflufen- ethyl		days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
12	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1314 of 15 May 2024[14]	Maximum residue levels for dithianon in or on certain products	In Annex III Part A replacing column for dithianon	December 5, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
13	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2612 of 7 October 2024[15]	Maximum residue levels for chitosan, clopyralid, difenoconazole, fat distillation residues, flonicamid, hydrolysed proteins, and lavandulyl senecioate in or on certain products	In Annex II replacing column flonicamid In Annex III Part A replacing columns for clopyralid and difenoconazole In Annex IV the following excerpts are added: Chitosan Hydrolyzed proteins Fat distillation residues Lavandulyl senecioate	October 27, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
14	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2633 of 8 October 2024[16]	Maximum residue levels for azoxystrobin, famoxadone, flutriafol, mandipropamid and mefentrifluconazole in or on certain products	In Annex II replacing columns azoxystrobin, famoxadone, flutriafol, mandipropamid and mefentrifluconazole	October 28, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments
15	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/3196 of 18 December 2024[17]	Radish leaves	In Annex I Part B (A) Replacing value (0243020-008) for radish leaves (B) Adding a new entry for small radishes (0251060-002) after the entry for wall rocket (0251060-001) (C) Deleting footnote (3)	January 8, 2025	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments

[13] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ%3AL_202401077
[14] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1314/oj
[15] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2612/oj
[16] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2633/oj
[17] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R3196

16	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2609 of 7 October 2024[18]	maximum residue levels for napropamide, pyridaben and tebufenpyrad[19] in or on certain products	In Annex II replacing columns for napropamide, pyridaben and tebufenpyrad	April 28, 2025	April 30, 2025
17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2619 of 8 October 2024[20]	maximum residue levels for fosetyl, potassium phosphonates and disodium phosphonate in or on certain products	In Annex II adding columns for fosetyl and phosphonic acid In Annex III Part A deleting column for fosetyl-Al	April 29, 2025	April 30, 2025
18	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2640 of 9 October 2024[21]	maximum residue levels for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, difluoroacetic acid (DFA), fluopyram and flupyradifurone in or on certain products	In Annex II replacing columns for 1,4 - dimethylnaphthalene, difluoroacetic acid (DFA), fluopyram and flupyradifurone	April 30, 2025	April 30, 2025
19	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2711 of 22 October 2024	maximum residue levels for thiacloprid[22] in or on certain products	In Annex II deleting column for thiacloprid. In Annex V adding column for thiacloprid	May 12, 2025	May 12, 2025
20	Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/334 of 2 February 2023[23]	maximum residue levels for clothianidin and thiamethoxam in or on certain products	In Annex II deleting column for clothianidin and thiamethoxam In Annex V adding column for clothianidin and thiamethoxam	March 7, 2025	March 7, 2025
21	Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/115 of 21 January 2025[24]	maximum residue levels for fluxapyroxad, lambda-cyhalothrin, metalaxyl, and nicotine in or on certain products	In Annex II replacing columns for fluxapyroxad, lambda-cyhalothrin, metalaxyl I Annex III Part A replacing column for nicotine	February 10, 2025	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the Israeli publication of notification for public comments

[18] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2609/oj
[19] Note: MRLs for tebufenpyrad in table grapes will apply from April 30, 2025, even if product is released from quarantine before the end of its shelf-life.
[20] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2619/oj
[21] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ%3AL_202402640
[22] Note: MRLs for thiacloprid in pears, peaches, raspberries (red and yellow), sweet peppers or bell peppers, Chinese cabbage and lettuce will apply from May 12, 2025, even if product is released from quarantine before the end of its shelf-life.
[23] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/334/oj
[24] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/115/oj/en

C. Submission for Public Comments

This publication (which has not been notified to the World Trade Organization) is open for public comments until February 19, 2025, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time). In order to send comments, you must identify yourself as a user on the Tazkirim website. By clicking on the "Comment" button next to the document summary or on the document page, you will be directed to the response screen that allows you to send comments to the issuing office and attach up to three files with detailed comments, if preferred. Each comment is directly transmitted to the issuing office. Upon sending the comment, you can choose whether it will be: 1) only forwarded to the relevant office or 2) also published publicly on the document page on the website. Privacy settings for each comment can be changed at any time, on the document page or in the personal area—even after the document is closed for comment submission.

At the start of the comments, the submitter must specify who they represent. The Ministry of Health - National Food Service (NFS), reserves the right to invite submitters to present their positions before the professional team in the NFS or before the Director of the NFS. NFS may utilize the content of the submitted documents to shape its position before publishing the NFS director's announcement in the records and may also publish them on the NFS website. Please note that the submission of a position paper in response to this request implies consent for publication, as explained above.[25]

Attachments:

01-Notice from the Director of the National Food Service (Google Translate).pdf

01-Notice from the Director of the National Food Service (Hebrew).pdf

02-Draft Notice Regarding the Implementation of Changes to the Annex of European Union Regulations (Google).docx

02-Draft Notice Regarding the Implementation of Changes to the Annex of European Union Regulations (Hebrew).docx

03-Reason for Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) Exemption (Google Translate).pdf

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