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Report Highlights:

The European Commission published Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1085 regarding the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl in or on certain products. Annex V is reporting all MRLs at 0.01 mg/kg and will apply as of November 13, 2020.

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1085](#) on the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl was published in the Official Journal on July 24, 2020 amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chlorpyrifos and chlorpyrifos-methyl in or on certain products. [Annex V](#) to this Regulation was published on July 30, 2020, and it lists the MRLs, which are all set at 0.01 mg/kg. These MRLs will apply as of November 13, 2020.

Background:

On January 10, the European Commission formally decided not to renew the approval for the active substance chlorpyrifos in its ethyl and methyl forms in the EU by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/17](#). The Member States had to withdraw their authorizations for plant protection products containing chlorpyrifos-methyl as an active substance by February 16, 2020. The grace period granted by Member States for the use of plant protection products containing chlorpyrifos-methyl ended on April 16, 2020. The decision for non-renewal was based on the August 2019 opinion of EFSA, which stated that chlorpyrifos, in its ethyl and methyl forms, were harmful to human health because of its potential genotoxic and neurological effects during development, especially in children. At that time, the European Commission had already notified their intention to lower the MRLs to the limits of determination to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well. Chlorpyrifos is an insecticide, acaricide and miticide used primarily to control foliage and soil-borne insect pests on a variety of food and feed crops.

Attachments:

No Attachments.