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Report Highlights:

On January 7, 2025, the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry (MinAF) published changes to its pesticide maximum residue limits (MRLs) for food. Imports arriving after the publication of the revised regulation must comply with the new MRLs by April 7. Unfortunately, given the format and size of Türkiye's MRL list for imported products, it isn't practical for Post to identify which MRLs were amended, added, or deleted from the prior list. U.S. industry groups or companies seeking clarification on the status of specific MRLs are invited to contact Post at AgAnkara@usda.gov.

Türkiye Updates its Pesticide Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)

On January 7, 2025, the General Directorate of Food & Control (DGFC) in the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry (MinAF) amended the Food Codex Regulation on Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Pesticides. The amendment, which was published in the Official Gazette (no. 32775) made updates to the [Pesticide MRL List](#) for food of plant and animal origin. The Pesticide MRL List is divided into five annexes that are described in further detail below.

Imports arriving after January 7 have three-months, or until April 7, to comply with the new MRLs. Both imported and domestic products already on the market prior to January 7 are allowed to be sold until their shelf life expires. Given the format and size of the updated Pesticide MRL List, Post is unable to identify MRLs that were amended, added, or deleted. U.S. industry groups or companies are welcome to contact Post at AgAnkara@usda.gov for questions on specific MRLs.

Türkiye notified this recent revision to its pesticide MRLs to the WTO SPS Committee as [G/SPS/N/TUR/114/Add.1](#) in February 2024. At that time, the United States provided comments on the draft, emphasizing that some of the limits were more restrictive than U.S. tolerances or Codex Alimentarius MRLs and could disrupt trade. Türkiye responded that it was aligning its MRLs with those of the European Union (EU).

Türkiye last updated the Food Codex Regulation on Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Pesticides in the Official Gazette (no. 31611) in September 2021. The regulation sets MRLs to protect consumers from pesticide residues in or on plant and animal origin food products to be used as fresh, processed and/or composite food for human consumption, including infant formulas and baby foods. The regulation does not apply to products that are not intended for food use. The MRLs are updated every few years to harmonize, though not in a 100 percent alignment, with the latest EU limits.

Description of Pesticide MRL Annexes

The [Pesticide MRL List](#) contained in an Excel file that has tabs that correspond to the five annexes. The annexes are explained in further detail below.

Annex-1-A: Generic list of animal and plant origin products for which pesticide MRLs are applicable.

Annex-1-B: Detailed list of animal and plant origin products defined in Annex-1-A for which pesticide MRLs are applicable.

Annex-2: List of pesticide MRLs for domestic products. This list only contains MRLs for plant protection products that are licensed and approved for use in Türkiye. List of pesticides for which MRLs are not required for domestic products is also given in this Annex.

Annex-3: List of pesticide MRLs for imported products; these limits closely align with EU MRLs. Import MRLs are updated every few years when the pesticide MRL regulation is revised. (Note: MinAF does not currently have a formal procedure for parties interested in requesting an import tolerance.)

Annex-4: List of pesticides prohibited for use in Türkiye.

Annex-5: List of pesticides for which MRLs are not required for imported products.

For more information about pesticide MRLs, including plant protection products, please see the GAIN report on [Update on Türkiye's Pesticide MRLs and Registration Requirements for Plant Protection Products](#) from January 2024.

Attachments:

No Attachments.