



## Update on the EU dithiocarbamate (mancozeb) and benomyl MRLs

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### Mancozeb

CGA has been closely tracking the dithiocarbamates (which includes mancozeb) MRL review process in the EU and previously communicated the relevant updates as available and applicable at the time.<sup>1-6</sup>

The draft EU dithiocarbamate MRLs were supposed to be voted on during the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF Committee) Pesticide Residues meeting on 25-26 November 2024, after the process was postponed during the PAFF Committee meeting in September. The European Commission confirmed that the voting did **not** take place in November and indicated that voting may take place in mid-February 2025. Should the draft MRLs be voted on in February next year, the **new MRLs will likely apply in Europe from November/December 2025**. The implication is that citrus entering the market before November/December 2025 will need to comply with current existing MRLs.

The Commission also pointed out that the dithiocarbamates are a highly political and contentious point in Europe at the moment and although the Commission maintains their position to propose MRLs based on science, the outcome is subject to a Parliamentary voting procedure. If parliament rejects the MRLs proposed by the Commission, this will probably lead to more delays rather than the immediate withdrawal of the existing MRLs.

### Benomyl

The draft regulation on the new EU carbendazim (benomyl) MRLs was rejected by the EU Parliament in September and was communicated in a previous Cutting Edge.<sup>7</sup> The Commission indicated that voting may take place in February 2025. Exactly what the new MRLs on citrus will be is still uncertain, however, the Commission emphasized that the priority will be to lower the

MRL for oranges and grapefruit as proposed by EFSA. Irrespective of what the new benomyl MRLs will be for lemons, limes and mandarins, the Commission indicated the **new MRLs are likely to apply in Europe by September/October 2025**.

### Footnotes

1. Cutting Edge No. 367 of March 2023
2. Cutting Edge No. 381 of September 2023
3. Cutting Edge No. 388 of March 2024
4. Cutting Edge No. 403 of August 2024
5. Citrus Sustainability Forums: February 2022 – October 2024
6. Cutting Edge No. 405 of October 2024
7. Cutting Edge No. 404 of September 2024



## Die ditio-karbamaat (mankoseb) en benomil EU MRLe

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### Mankoseb

Die CGA volg die EU ditio-karbamaat MRL hersienproses (wat mankoseb insluit) en het voorheen die nuutste inligting kommunikeer soos beskikbaar op daardie stadium.<sup>1-6</sup>

Die stemproses vir die voorgestelde EU ditio-karbamaat MRLe was veronderstel om tydens die Komitee vir Plante, Diere, Voedsel en Voer (of altans die SCoPAFF) vergadering aan die einde van November 2024 te geskied, nadat die stemming voorheen uitgestel was tydens 'n vergadering in September 2024. Die Europese Kommissie het bevestig dat die stemproses nie plaasgevind het nie, en dat dit mag gebeur tydens die SCoPAFF vergadering in Februarie 2025. Sou die lidstate stem in Februarie 2025, sal die nuwe EU ditio-karbamaat MRLe waarskynlik in werking tree in Europa vanaf **November/December 2025**.

Die Kommissie het uitgedruk dat die ditio-karbamate tans hoogs polities is in Europa en alhoewel die Kommissie hulle standpunt behou deur MRLe voor te stel wat gegrond is op wetenskap, d.w.s. EFSA se wetenskaplike opinies, is die uitkoms verbonde aan 'n parlementêre stemproses. Sou die EU Parlement die voorgestelde ditio-karbamaat MRLe verwerp, sal dit waarskynlik die MRL veranderingsproses in Europa nog verder vertraag.

### Benomil

Die voorgestelde regulasie vir die nuwe EU benomyl (of te wel karbendasim) MRLe was deur die EU Parlement in September 2024 verwerp en voorheen kommunikeer in 'n Snykant.<sup>7</sup> Die EU Kommissie het aangedui dat die stemproses dalk hervat gaan word in Februarie 2025. Presies wat die MRLe gaan wees wat die Kommissie gaan voorlê vir stem op sitrus is nog die duidelik nie, maar die Kommissie het beklemtoon dat hulle beoog om die MRLe vir lemoene en pomelos te prioritiseer. Onafhanklik van wat die nuwe benomil

MRL gaan wees vir suurlemoene en mandaryntipes, sal die waardes waarskynlik eers in werking tree in Europa teen **September/October 2025**, soos aangedui deur die Kommissie.

### Voetnotas

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