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A Practical Reference for Exporters, Shellers, Growers, Researchers, and Stakeholders to Protect the Pecan Export Trade

Report Highlights At-A-Glance

1. EU Updates:
 - a. There are several reduced pesticide limits (Benfluralin, Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl, Ethephon, and Thiamethoxam) being implemented in August 2026. We strongly suggest exporters review their testing procedures and growing practices to avoid loads being rejected.
 - b. The EU has published several draft regulations on maximum residue levels (MRLs) of certain compounds:
 - MRLs for acequinocyl, deltamethrin, dodine, maleic hydrazide, pinoxaden, prothioconazole, azoxystrobin, etofenprox, fenpropidin, flupyradifurone, hexythiazox, imazalil, Spinosad, tebufenozide, fenpyrazamine, cypermethrins, dimoxystrobin, propamocarb, carbofuran, imazalil, mandipropamid, propaquizafop, quizalofop-p-ethyl, and quizalofop-p-tefuryl no changes specifically for pecans.
 - MRLs for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, difenoconazole, endosulfan (pecans: 0,03 mg/kg),
 - MRLs for dicofol and ethephon (pecans: 0,02 mg/kg)
 - MRL for alpha-cypermethrin (pecans: 0,015 mg/kg)
 - MRLs for metribuzin, metribuzin-desamino diketo (metribuzin-DADK), chlorfenapyr, fenarimol, fenpropathrin, profenofos, benomyl, carbendazim, thiophanate-methyl, diazinon (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg)
 - c. The formal vote to pecans be raise permissible nickel levels in pecans to 10 mg/kg had been initially scheduled for February, but due to delays in internal procedures, it could not take place as expected. The Commission did not provide a date for the expected vote, stating it would take place “as soon as possible”. According to their earlier predictions, the Regulation would be published in June/July, however this can be postponed due to these delays.
2. Rest-of-World Updates
 - a. Japan: The reduced MRL of Fluopyram to .04 mg/kg was implemented in February. Alert APC to any compliance issues.
 - b. Please review other forthcoming MRL adjustments in Japan and Indonesia. No other new MRLs worldwide to report.

APC is now monitoring MRLs and Contaminants globally and will share this information in these quarterly reports. However, APC depends on the industry to provide feedback and input on how to make these reports more valuable. While APC cannot lobby for changes, it can educate export markets about the essential elements of pecan production and processing.

Purpose of This Report

As pecans expand into new export markets, there is a growing need to adapt to changing food regulations. In fact, there are numerous MRLs and contaminants proposed, revised, and changed each year. This report summarizes the potential changes to MRLs for pesticides and contaminant substances used in pecan production and processing across major export markets.

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Why do MRLs & Contaminants Matter?

As the pecan industry expands into new international markets, understanding and complying with maximum residue limits (MRLs) is becoming increasingly important.

- **Pesticides:** MRLs set the highest legally allowed levels of pesticide (or other agrochemical) residues in food, ensuring consumer safety and maintaining confidence in the quality of US pecans.
 - **Contaminants:** In addition to pesticide residues, importing countries closely monitor other contaminants, such as heavy metals, mycotoxins, and environmental pollutants
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Sources and Key Terms

This report is based on data from a global MRL and contaminant database called FoodChain ID and consultants APC hired to navigate the EU markets. Within this report, you will find various key terms:

- **Pending** entails an MRL that is approved but the effective date is in the future; the MRL is not yet in force.
- **Proposed** entails a draft MRL cited in a proposal, draft amendment, or petition that is still proceeding through the regulatory process. These include proposed new and revised MRLs. These proposed actions are subject to change before being officially established in a regulation, or the proposals may be withdrawn.
- **Pending Revocation** means proposal, amendment, or petition to revoke the MRL is in the regulatory process. These proposed actions are subject to change or withdrawal.

The contaminants included in the report are pending expiration, pending revisions, or being proposed that may influence the pecan industry.

- **Pending Expiration** are contaminants that are in place, but the date of expiration is approaching.
- **Pending Revisions** to the contaminants are current contaminants that have revisions that are awaiting approval to change details on that contaminant substance.
- **Proposed** entails contaminants that have become relevant concern in a product and thresholds have been proposed to manage the contaminant.

What does this mean for Exporters?

As U.S. pecan exports grow, remaining in compliance with each country's MRL and contaminant requirements is critical. Compliance with U.S. EPA standards does not guarantee acceptance in markets such as the EU, Canada, Japan, or South Korea, and violations can lead to rejected shipments and trade disruptions. Exporters must work closely with shellers and growers to ensure proper pesticide use, documentation, and traceability. Pre-shipment residue testing, strong communication, and integrated pest management practices help protect market access and maintain confidence in U.S. pecans globally.

Take Action/ Recommendations

The American Pecan Council asks for your feedback on this report in order to modify to better serve the pecan industry. The goal is for this report to be a useful, educational resource to advance our industry and ensure high quality pecans reach successful export markets.

- **For Exporters:** Exporters are encouraged to stay informed on new or changing MRLs through American Pecan Council reports and regulatory updates from EPA and Codex. The APC encourages exporters to provide feedback or any additional MRL and contaminant concerns to ensure we can build strong, trusted markets.
- **For Shellers:** Stay informed about international MRL and contaminant requirements to ensure that incoming lots meet the necessary residue standards for your target destinations. Shellers also play a vital role in communicating observed residue concerns or regulatory updates back to growers and industry partners.

- **For Growers:** Review the reports that APC will be releasing with any changes or new MRLs and contaminants, and talk to your buyers to understand whether new regulations require changes in orchard management.
- **For Researchers:** Identify gaps in current research to address changing MRLs and contaminants through genetics and cultural management techniques. As well providing guidance to explore residue reduction strategies and provide supplemental education to extension agents on how growers can prevent and mitigate issues regarding MRLs and contaminants when producing pecans.

Pending and Proposed MRLs by Country

The charts in this section provide breakdown of pesticide MRLs that are currently being proposed or pending a revision. Currently, the European Union, Indonesia, and Japan have actively changing MRLs that may impact the pecan industry.

European Union

Market	Index Pesticide	Published Commodity Name	Index Commodity	MRL (ppm)	MRL Type	MRL State	MRL Effective Date
European Union	Benfluralin	Pecans	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Current	May 18, 2015
European Union	Benfluralin	Pecans	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Aug 12, 2026
European Union	Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl	Pecans	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Current	Nov 13, 2014
European Union	Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl	Pecans	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Aug 12, 2026
European Union	Ethephon	Pecans	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Current	Oct 20, 2017
European Union	Ethephon	Pecans	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Pending	Aug 19, 2026
European Union	Thiamethoxam	Pecans	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Current	Aug 26, 2016
European Union	Thiamethoxam	Pecans	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Mar 07, 2026



Indonesia

The MRL list for Indonesia is lengthy, but it remains the same since the last quarterly report was released. The majority of pesticides listed are already being tested for in other major export markets for pecans like the European Union. Please relay any concerns to APC.

Market	Index Pesticide	Published Commodity Name	Index Commodity	MRL (ppm)	MRL Type	MRL State	MRL Effective Date	Expiration Date
Indonesia	2,4-D	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.2	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Abamectin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.005	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Acetamiprid	Nuts; Other	Nut, pecan	0.06	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Afidopyropen	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Alpha-Cypermethrin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Azinphos-methyl	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.3	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026
Indonesia	Azoxystrobin	Nuts; Other	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Beta-cypermethrin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Bifenazate	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.2	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Bifenthrin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Boscalid	Nuts; Other	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Buprofezin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Carbaryl	Nuts	Nut, pecan	1	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Carbendazim	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Chlorantraniliprole	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Chlorpyrifos	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026



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Indonesia	Clofentezine	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.5	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Cyantraniliprole	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.04	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Cyflumetofen	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Cyhalothrin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Cypermethrin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Cyprodinil	Nuts, except almond and pistachio	Nut, pecan	0.04	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Difenoconazole	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.03	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Diflubenzuron	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.2	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Etoxazole	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fenazaquin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fenbuconazole	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fenpropathrin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.15	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fenpyroximate	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Flonicamid	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fluazifop-P-butyl	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Flubendiamide	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fludioxonil	Nuts (except Pistachio)	Nut, pecan	0.3	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fluensulfone	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fluindapyr	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.04	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	

Indonesia	Flumioxazin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fluopyram	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.04	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Flupyradifurone	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fluxapyroxad	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.04	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Fosetyl-Al	Nuts	Nut, pecan	400	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Glufosinate-ammonium	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Hexythiazox	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Imidacloprid	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Indoxacarb	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.07	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Kresoxim-methyl	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Lambda Cyhalothrin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Mancozeb	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026
Indonesia	Maneb	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026
Indonesia	Mefentrifluconazole	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.06	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Mesotrione	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Metconazole	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.04	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Methidathion	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026
Indonesia	Methoxyfenozide	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Methyl bromide	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	

Indonesia	Metiram	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026
Indonesia	Paraquat dichloride	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Pendimethalin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Penthiopyrad	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Phosmet	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.2	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Phosphine	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Propineb	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026
Indonesia	Pydiflumetofen	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Pyraclostrobin	Nuts (except Pistachio)	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Pyrethrins	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.5	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Saflufenacil	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Spinetoram	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.01	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Spinosad	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.07	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Spirodiclofen	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Spirotetramat	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.5	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Sulfoxaflor	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.03	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Sulfuryl fluoride	Nuts	Nut, pecan	3	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Tebuconazole	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Tetraniliprole	Nuts; Other	Nut, pecan	0.03	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	



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Indonesia	Thiacloprid	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Thiram	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026
Indonesia	Trifloxystrobin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Zeta-Cypermethrin	Nuts	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Pending	Jun 20, 2026	
Indonesia	Zineb	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026
Indonesia	Ziram	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.1	General	Current	Jan 08, 2019	Jun 20, 2026

Japan

The pesticides listed are already being tested for in other major export markets for pecans like the European Union, and the limits in Japan are just being revised. Please relay any concerns to APC.

Market	Index Pesticide	Published Commodity Name	Index Commodity	MRL (ppm)	MRL Type	MRL State	MRL Effective Date
Japan	Fluopyram	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.05	General	Current	Jul 02, 2013
Japan	Fluopyram	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.04	General	Pending	Feb 27, 2026
Japan	Trifloxystrobin	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.04	General	Current	Apr 15, 2011
Japan	Trifloxystrobin	Pecan	Nut, pecan	0.02	General	Pending	Dec 16, 2026

Canada- No current or pending MRL changes.

United States- No current or pending MRL changes.

Mexico- No current or pending MRL changes.

Australia- No current or pending MRL changes.

South Africa- No current or pending MRL changes.

China- No current or pending MRL changes.



Pending and Proposed Contaminants by Country

The charts in this section provide breakdown of contaminants that are being proposed or pending a revision. Currently, the European Union, Turkey, South Africa, and China have contaminants that are pending expirations, pending revisions, and new proposals that may impact the pecan industry. Other countries have contaminant limits that currently remain in place with no significant implications on pecan production.

European Union

Market	Contaminant	Food Category	Commodity	Maximum Level (ppm)	State	Regulation Effective Date	Regulatory Notes
European Union	Mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (MOAH)	Nuts and seeds	5.5.3 Tree nuts	2	Proposed		Fruits, tree nuts, vegetables, cereals, oilseeds and spices as listed in the relevant category as defined in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC (OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1). For the purpose of this Regulation tree nuts are not covered by the maximum level for fruits.



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European Union	Nickel	Nuts and seeds	3.6.1.2 Chestnuts, pine nuts, walnuts, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts and pecan nuts	10	Proposed		<p>The maximum level applies to the edible part. The maximum level does not apply to tree nuts for crushing and oil refining, provided that the remaining pressed tree nuts are not placed on the market as food. In case the remaining pressed tree nuts are placed on the market as food, the maximum level applies, taking into account Article 3(1) and (2).</p> <p>Fruits, tree nuts, vegetables, cereals, oilseeds, herbs and spices as listed in the relevant category as defined in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC (OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1). Tree nuts are not covered by the maximum level for fruit.</p>
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European Union	Nickel	Nuts and seeds	3.6.10.2 Oilseeds: Peanuts	12	Pending	7/1/2026	<p>The maximum level does not apply to oilseeds for crushing and oil refining, provided that the remaining pressed oilseeds are not placed on the market as food. In case the remaining pressed oilseeds are placed on the market as food, the maximum level applies, taking into account Article 3(1) and (2).</p> <p>Fruits, tree nuts, vegetables, cereals, oilseeds, herbs and spices as listed in the relevant category as defined in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC (OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1). Tree nuts are not covered by the maximum level for fruit.</p>
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Turkey

<p>Turkey</p>	<p>Aflatoxin B1</p>	<p>Nuts and Seeds</p>	<p>1.1.7 Tree nuts (used as only ingredient) and their processed products (except those listed in points 1.1.9 and 1.1.11): Those placed on the market for the final consumer or use as an ingredient in food</p>	<p>0.002</p>	<p>Pending</p>	<p>12/31/25</p>	<p>If tree nuts ‘in shell’ are analyzed, it is assumed, when calculating the aflatoxin content, that all the contamination is on the edible part.</p> <p>In the case of food consisting of tree nuts used as only ingredient or in the case of processed products consisting at least of 80 % from the tree nuts concerned, the maximum levels as established for tree nuts apply also to those products. In other cases, maximum limits are applied, taking into account the first, second and third paragraphs of Article 6 of this regulation. For fruits, tree nuts, vegetables, cereals, oilseeds and spices, reference is made to the foods listed in the relevant category defined in Annex 1 of the Turkish Food Codex, Maximum Pesticide Residue Limits Regulation. The maximum limits set for fruits do not include tree nuts.</p>
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Turkey	Aflatoxins, total	Nuts and Seeds	1.1.7 Tree nuts (used as only ingredient) and their processed products (except those listed in points 1.1.9 and 1.1.11): Those placed on the market for the final consumer or use as an ingredient in food	0.004	Pending	12/31/25	<p>If tree nuts ‘in shell’ are analyzed, it is assumed, when calculating the aflatoxin content, that all the contamination is on the edible part.</p> <p>In the case of food consisting of tree nuts used as only ingredient or in the case of processed products consisting at least of 80 % from the tree nuts concerned, the maximum levels as established for tree nuts apply also to those products. In other cases, maximum limits are applied, taking into account the first, second and third paragraphs of Article 6 of this regulation. For fruits, tree nuts, vegetables, cereals, oilseeds and spices, reference is made to the foods listed in the relevant category defined in Annex 1 of the Turkish Food Codex, Maximum Pesticide Residue Limits Regulation. The maximum limits set for fruits do not include tree nuts.</p>
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South Africa

South Africa	Aflatoxin B1	Nuts and seeds	All other foodstuffs not specified (ready-to-eat)	0.005	Pending	2/6/28	No regulatory notes.
South Africa	Aflatoxins, total	Nuts and seeds	All other foodstuffs not specified (ready-to-eat)	0.01	Pending	2/6/28	Aflatoxin B1 should not exceed 5 ppb.



China

China	Aflatoxin B1	Nuts and seeds	Cooked nuts and seeds (except cooked peanuts)	0.005	Proposed		China includes coffee beans in its "Nuts and seeds" category.
China	Aflatoxin B1	Nuts and seeds	Ready-to-eat fresh and dried nuts and seeds (not including peanut)	0.005	Proposed		China includes coffee beans in its "Nuts and seeds" category.

United States- No current or pending contaminant changes.

Mexico- No current or pending contaminant changes.

Australia- No current or pending contaminant changes.

Canada- No current or pending contaminant changes.

European Union Specific Updates

APC contracts with Joint Secretariat of Agricultural Trade Association (SACAR) to provide pecan-specific updates on the EU market.

OMNIBUS FOOD SAFETY: COMMISSION LAUNCHES TASK FORCE TO STRENGTHEN IMPORT CONTROLS

The Commission on 26 January 2026 launched a task force to strengthen import controls on food safety.

This Task Force will focus on food safety, pesticide residues and coordinated EU monitoring actions on specific imported products. It brings together expertise from the Commission and Member States, and will contribute to:

- Further harmonising of import controls across the EU;
- Developing recommendations for joint actions between the Commission and Member States
- Identifying where additional administrative or regulatory measures are needed to strengthen controls.

All information is available at: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_26_207

On Official controls, the Commission will increase its export related audits in non-EU countries by 50% over the next two years - starting from 1 January 2026. The EU will step up monitoring of non-compliant commodities and countries and adapt the frequency of import checks.

Context: the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food stipulates that the most hazardous substances banned in the EU for health and environmental reasons are not allowed back to the EU through imported products.

There will be a study on the EU's competitive position and the international implications. The draft Food and Feed Simplification Package of 16 December 2025 proposes changes to the Regulation 396/2005 on pesticide residues. If adopted by Council and Parliament, it would enable the Commission to adopt Regulations lowering all MRLs for the most hazardous substances not approved in the EU on a case-by-case basis and based on an impact assessment.

EU-US TRADE

On 5 February 2026 the Commission published Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/295 suspending commercial rebalancing measures for US products. These rebalancing measures had been imposed by Regulation 2025/1564.

This Regulation entered into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union, and applies from 7 February 2026 to 6 August 2026. This Regulation does not further liberalise trade with the United States, it maintains the current tariffs until 6 August 2026. More information: https://eurlex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2026/295/oj

A few days earlier, on 3 February, it was announced that the European Parliament will resume work on the Turnberry proposals, which include the trade agreement between the EU and the US. Bernd Lange, chair of Parliament's International Trade Committee and standing rapporteur for the US stated that a vote could potentially take place at the next committee meeting on Tuesday 24 February.

More information: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20260204IPR33305/eu-us-tradelegislation-meps-to-resume-work-on-turnberry-proposals>

PESTICIDE UPDATE

Commission Regulation 2026/215: MRLs for propamocarb (no changes for pecans), dimoxystrobin (no changes for pecans), ethephon (pecans: 0,02 mg/kg) The Regulation is available at: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202600215#ntr*2-L_202600215EN.000401-E0003

Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed Section Phytopharmaceuticals – Residues meeting, 5-6 February

✓ MRLs for acequinocyl, deltamethrin, dodine, maleic hydrazide, pinoxaden and prothioconazole - no changes for pecans ✓ MRLs for azoxystrobin, etofenprox, fenpropidin, flupyradifurone, hexythiazox, imazalil, spinosad and tebufenozide - no changes for pecans.

✓ MRLs for 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene (pecans: 0,03 mg/kg), metribuzin, metribuzin-desamino diketo (metribuzin-DADK) (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg)

✓ MRLs for fenpyrazamine (no changes for pecans), difenoconazole (pecans: 0,03 mg/kg)

✓ MRLs for alpha-cypermethrin (pecans: 0,015 mg/kg), cypermethrins (no changes for pecans)

✓ MRLs for chlorfenapyr (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg), dicofol (pecans: 0,02 mg/kg), endosulfan (pecans: 0,03 mg/kg), fenarimol (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg), fenpropathrin (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg) and profenofos (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg).

✓ MRLs for carbofuran, imazalil, mandipropamid, propaquizafop, quizalofop-p-ethyl, and quizalofop-p-tefuryl - no changes for pecans

✓ MRLs for benomyl, carbendazim and thiophanate-methyl (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg)

✓ MRLs for diazinon (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg)

Commission Regulation 2026/14: MRLs for benfluralin (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg), benthialdicarb (pecans: 0,01 mg/kg), penflufen (no changes for pecans) The Regulation is available at https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202600147

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