

Update on MRL Harmonization Situation for Hops

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During the **Regulatory Harmonization Commission** report, updates of the French and Polish Decrees were shared. On January 7 France issued a decree prohibiting the import of grain, soybeans, fruits, and vegetables treated with the five pesticides glufosinate, mancozeb, thiophanate-methyl, carbendazim, and benomyl.

In May, the Polish government followed similar measures, invoking a national regulation banning the import of many food products with quantifiable residues of carbendazim, glufosinate, and thiophanate-methyl.

Both of these developments represent a direct refutation of European Union policy, as the MRLs for the active ingredients were still in force. While hops have not yet been impacted, the emerging precedence of member states enacting diverging policies from the European Union lays the foundation for a fracturing of MRL regulations across the trading bloc. The Regulatory Harmonization Commission will continue to monitor updates.