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Report Name: Israel Seeks Public Comments on Expansion in Annexes to European Union Regulation 396-2005 Maximum Residue Levels of Pesticides

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Report Highlights:

On January 22, 2026, the Israeli Ministry of Health published a request for public comments on draft order proposes to set expanded MRLs for certain pesticides in relation to specific crops, exceeding the levels set in Annexes II–V of Regulation 396/2005, as detailed in the appendices to the draft order. The publication is open for public comment until February 12, 2026, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time).

A. The Purpose of Publication

Public Health Protection (Food) Law, 2015, allows the Minister of Health to issue orders expanding the provisions adopted in Schedule II A, after approval by the Knesset Health Committee and consultation with the Professional Advisory Committee, but without the need for a recommendation from the Exceptions Committee. These expansions may permit or enable the use of processes, food products, substances, or quantities beyond what is allowed under the adopted EU provisions for a set period.

After receiving recommendations from the Professional Advisory Committee,¹ the Minister of Health seeks to establish, through this order, expansions to the annexes of the adopted EU Regulation 396/2005,² which concerns maximum residue levels (MRLs) of pesticides (hereinafter: the Expansion Order). The Expansion Order proposes to set expanded MRLs for certain pesticides in relation to specific crops, exceeding the levels set in Annexes II–V of Regulation 396/2005, as detailed in the appendices to the draft order.

The expanded residue levels were determined following a detailed assessment of each pesticide and crop, based on risk evaluations that included cumulative dietary exposure and potential effects on sensitive populations such as infants and children, as well as the specific agricultural needs in Israel. It was concluded that health risk is controlled and remains within an acceptable level. The order seeks to balance the management of health and environmental risks with regulatory stability and certainty for farmers and food sector stakeholders. Additionally, it establishes a temporary and phased mechanism (temporary provisions) to enable a gradual transition to full compliance with European residue levels.

Note: Regulatory changes are issued for public comment before being formally incorporated into Israeli food legislation.

B. Submission of Comments

This publication (which has yet to be notified to the World Trade Organization) is open for **public comments until February 12, 2026, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time)**.

- To submit comments, users must first register on the [Tazkirim](#) website.
- Click the "Comment" button next to the document summary.
- Submit your response and attach up to three support files.
- Choose whether to make your comment public or private.
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Commenters must specify their affiliation when submitting a response. The Israeli Ministry of Health's (MoH) National Food Service (NFS) reserves the right to invite submitters to present their positions before the professional team in the NFS or before the Director of the NFS. The NFS may utilize the content of the submitted documents to shape its position before publishing the NFS Director's

¹ [Professional advisory Committee Protocols](#) (Hebrew Only)

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2005/396/oj/eng>

announcement in the records and may also publish them on the NFS website. Please note that the submission of a position paper in response to this request implies consent for publication, as explained above.

C. Expansion to the Levels Set in Annexes II–V of EU Regulation 396/2005

The expanded MRLs for certain pesticides and crops which exceed those set by EU Regulation 396/2005 and are set for specific periods and are detailed in the attachments below. After each period ends, the expanded MRLs expire for the relevant crops and pesticides. However, food imported or produced in Israel under these expanded MRLs before the end of the relevant period may continue to be marketed until the end of its shelf life, with the date of import determined by the application for a release certificate.

The periods are as follows:

- Until December 31, 2026 – Appendix II, A
- Until May 1, 2027 – Appendix II, B
- Until December 31, 2027 – Appendix II, C
- Until December 31, 2028 – Appendix II, D
- Until December 31, 2029 – Appendix II, E
- Until March 6, 2029 – Appendix II, F

The order will enter into force 30 days after its publication.

All modifications will be subject to the exclusions outlined in Israeli legislation³ and the final draft notice once adopted.

For more details including the detailed expansion list, please see attachments on next page.

³ https://www.nevo.co.il/law_html/law01/049_062.htm

Attachments:

[01 - Draft Public Health Protection Order Amendment to Second Schedule A Regulation 396.2005 - Google Translate.docx](#)

[01 - Draft Public Health Protection Order Amendment to Second Schedule A Regulation 396.2005 - Hebrew Original.docx](#)

[02 - Draft Public Health Protection Order Expansion in Annexes Regulation 396.2005 - Google Translate.docx](#)

[02 - Draft Public Health Protection Order Expansion in Annexes Regulation 396.2005 - Hebrew Original.docx](#)

[03 - Regulatory Impact Assessment - Google Translate.pdf](#)

[03 - Regulatory Impact Assessment - Hebrew Original.pdf](#)

[Expantion List - FULL.xlsx](#)