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Aim pesticide guide

This document "*Pesticide guide*" describes how analysis results regarding residue of pesticide(s) in feed materials intended for the Dutch market, are assessed.

Introduction

The "*Pesticide guide*" is developed by the MRL meeting by the following parties¹:

Parties	Scope	Website
Nevedi	Compound feed, premixtures/addi- tives, calf milk powder and wet prod- ucts	www.nevedi.nl
Koninklijke Vereniging Het Comré van Graanhandelaren	Trade in grains, seeds and pulses	https://graan.com/the-royal-dutch- grain-and-feed-trade-association
CIRCULAR FEED association	Wet feed	https://www.circularfeed.eu/en/
VERNOF	Processing oilseeds, refining of vege- table oils and fats	https://www.vernof.com/
	Production, processing and trade of oils and fats	https://mvo.nl/en
V DDDN Vereniging Diervoederspecialiteiten Diergezondheidsproducten Nederland	Feed Specialties, animal health prod- ucts	https://www.vddn.nl/index.php/en/
Secure Feed	Production and trade in feed for di- rect delivery to farmers	www.securefeed.eu

The *Pesticide guide* has been coordinated with the NVWA and shared with the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality and the Dutch Ministry of Health, wellbeing and sports.

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History of the document

Version	Version completion date	General	Changes	Publication date
3.4	28-03-2024	Update links	Scheme III explanation: repaired bro- ken link Annex 2: new link zenodo and FAVV Annex 3: clarification by changing ex- ample to a pesticide with CRM status	
3.3	05-02-2024	Update links & information	Table of contents added Intro: new weblinks organizations Annex 2: New weblink MRL tool Annex 3: Explanation how to deter- mine CRM status of pesticide	
3.2	29-03-2023	Update	New link Circular Feed Association New links EU Pesticidedatabase Annex 2: New MVO document (and deletion Fediol document as not needed anymore) + New link EFSA concentration factors	
3.1	11-08-2022	Update	Correction dead link to FEDIOL pro- cessing factors	11-08-2022
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2.1	13-01-2022	Update of links to legislation / EU pesti- cide database	Annex 2: correction of dead links	2-2022
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Work method

For the proper use of the *Pesticide guide* it is important to follow the following general rules:

- 1. Start every assessment at the beginning of the *Pesticide guide*, do not skip any steps. The assessment is a "peel-off model" in which options are increasingly eliminated. Starting the assessment at a random point in the *Pesticide guide* could lead to an incorrect assessment;
- When an animal feed is unsafe and/or a legal limit is exceeded, the NVWA should be notified. Follow the guidelines of the NVWA (<u>https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/diervoeder/melden-onveilige-diervoeders</u>) and the notification guidelines of other organisations involved.
- Sources of information that can help with pesticide assessment are listed in Annex 2. Always check whether the relevant link still leads to the most recent version of a source. Notify the manager of the *Pesticide guide* (<u>monitoring@securefeed.eu</u>) when links are no longer functioning or information is outdated. Substantive comments on the *Pesticide guide* can be submitted to your branch organization (specified on the cover page), so they can be discussed during periodic consultations of parties involved in the development of the *Pesticide guide*.
- 4. In cases not covered by the *Pesticide guide* the company that had the sample analysed (this can also be a company which sends a sample within a collective monitoring programme) shall assess the analysis results of pesticide(s) and the suitability of the relevant batch of feed material as feed;

"Anyone who deals with feed must immediately notify the NVWA if he / she finds or suspects that the feed exceeds legal limits, endangers human or animal health or is harmful to the environment". The legal basis for this is article 5.15 of the Dutch law Wet Dieren (https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0030250).

- 5. The collaborating parties in the MRL consultation have drawn up the *Pesticide guide* with the greatest possible care. However, this does not relieve the user from his own responsibility to correctly apply the legislation. The company is always primarily responsible for food safety. The *Pesticide guide* only aims to provide a guide on how to deal with a pesticide analysis result based on the current legislation. Therefore, the use of the *Pesticide guide* is entirely at one's own risk. The collaborating parties cannot be held liable for the consequences of the use of the *Pesticide guide* in any way.
- 6. The *Pesticide guide* is coordinated with the competent authorities, but is not official legislation. No rights can therefore be derived from the results obtained with the use of the *Pesticide guide*.

Definitions

Pesticide analysis result (pesticide level)

The result of the analysis as reported to the laboratory. The analysis result is to be corrected when not in the correct format to judge against legislation (88%DM for EU Dir 2002/32 pesticides, MRL definition for EU Reg 396/2005 pesticides), see annex 1. An analysis result that is part of a legislated sum, does not have to be judged separately if the sum is already judged.

CMR substances

Active substance of a pesticide which is according EU Reg. 1272/2008 classified if one or more of the terms (Muta. 1A, Muta 1B, Carc. 1A, Carc. 1B, Repr. 1A, Repr. 1B). In case of CRM substances measurement uncertainty may <u>not</u> be taken into account when comparing results to MRL. The "Toelichting pesticidewijzer" (Dutch) provides examples of CRM substances, which are generally not allowed anymore as crop protection agent in the EU.

2002/32 pesticide

Pesticide with limits defined in Directive 2002/32/EG, Annex I, section IV.

When comparing pesticide analysis result to the limits, measurement uncertainty may not be taken into account.

- Aldrin
- Dieldrin
- Camphechlor (toxaphene) sum of indicator congeners CHB 26, 50 and 62
- Chlordane (sum of cis- and trans-isomers and of oxychlordane, expressed as chlordane)
- DDT (sum of DDT-, DDD- (or TDE-) and DDE-isomers, expressed as DDT)
- Endosulfan (sum of alpha- and beta-isomers and of endosulfansulphate expressed as endosulfan)
- Endrin (sum of endrin and of delta-keto-endrin, expressed as endrin)
- Heptachlor (sum of heptachlor and of heptachlorepoxide, expressed as heptachlor)
- Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)
- Hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH)
 - alpha-isomers
 - beta-isomers
 - gamma-isomers

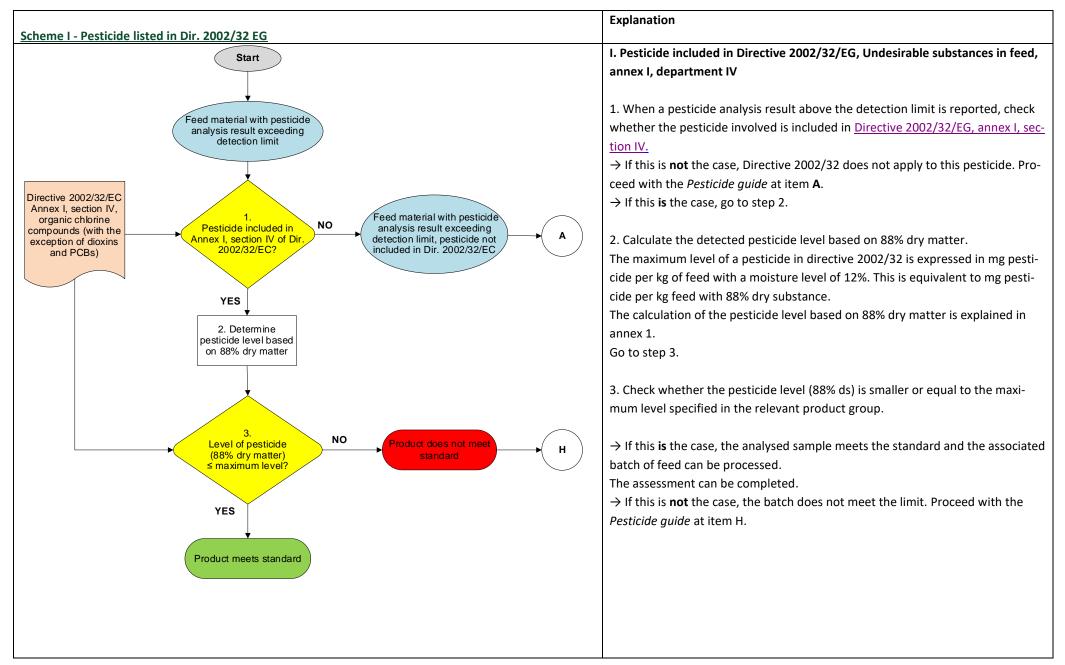
Footnote 1 products

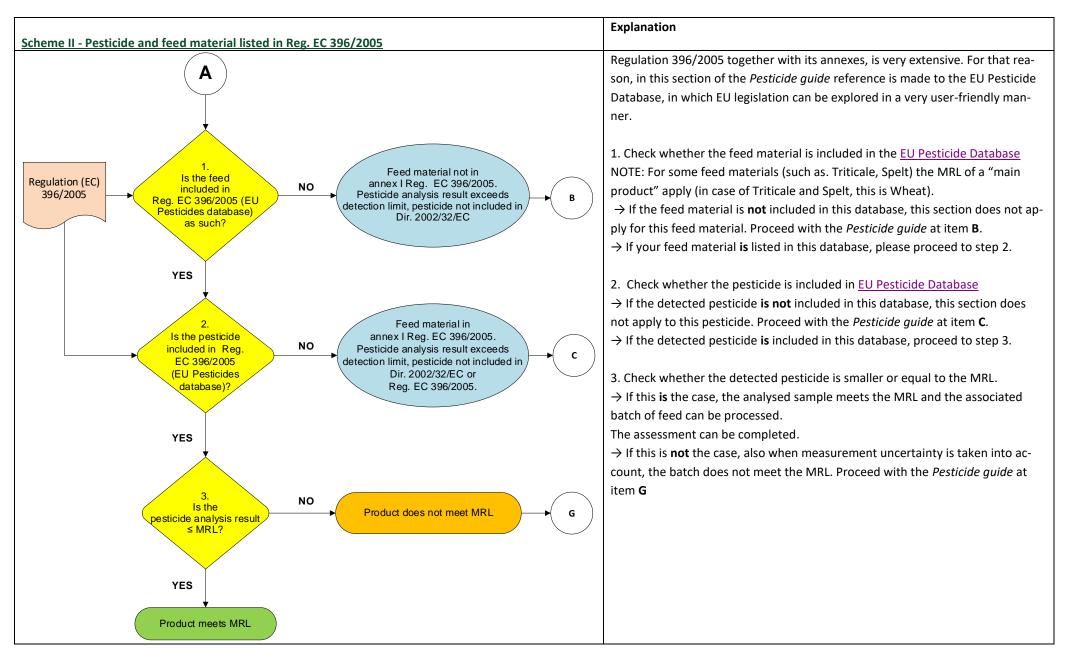
MRLs <u>do not apply</u> to products or part of products that by their characteristics and nature are used <u>exclusively</u> as ingredients of animal feed, until separate MRLs are set in the specific category 1200000 (footnote 1 Annex 1 Regulation EG 396/2005 as defined in Regulation (EU) 2018/62).

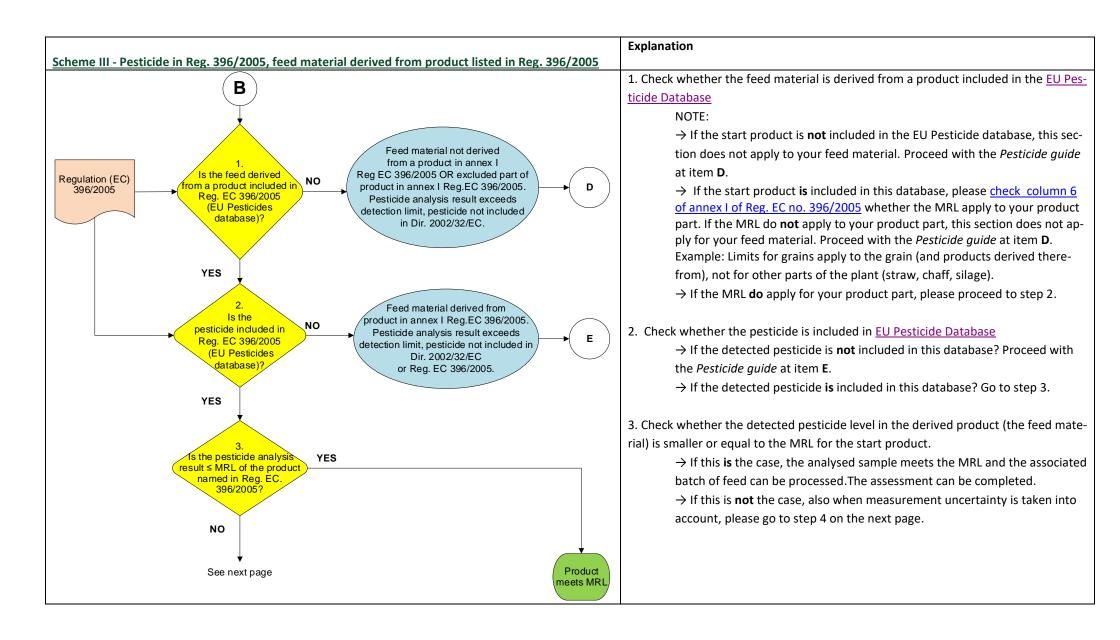
For such "footnote 1 products" applies that the product should be judged as not unsafe by means of risk assessment. Next to that argumentation should be provided that product is by characteristics and nature used exclusively as ingredients of animal feed, i.e. the footnote applies.

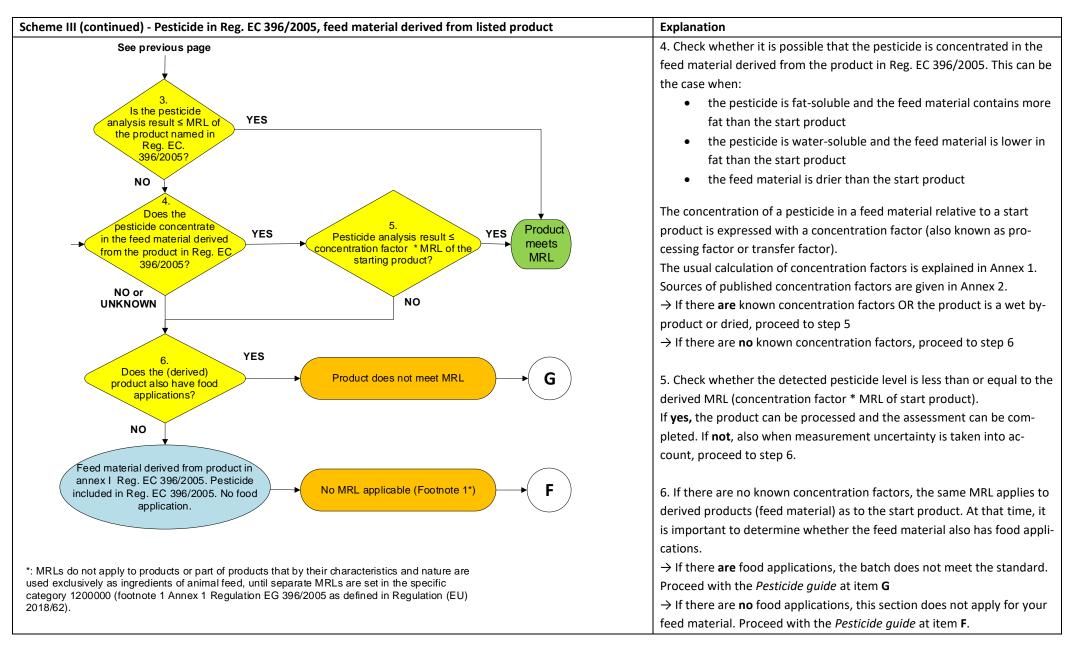
Annex 2 of this document refers to tools, which can be used for risk assessment.

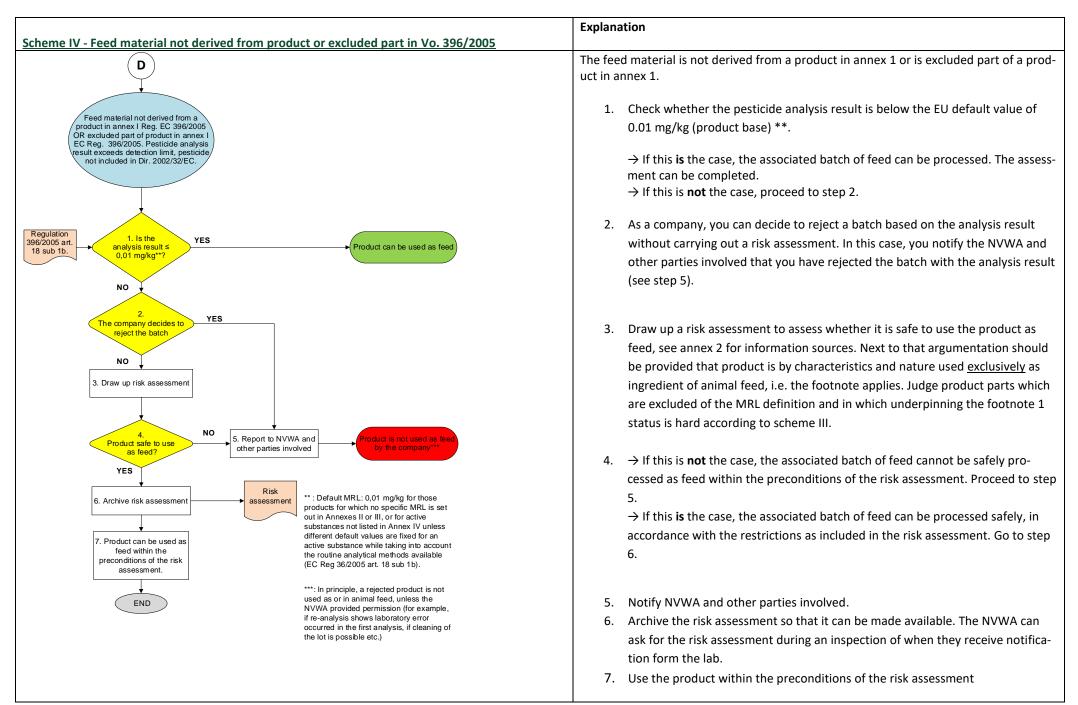
Schemes

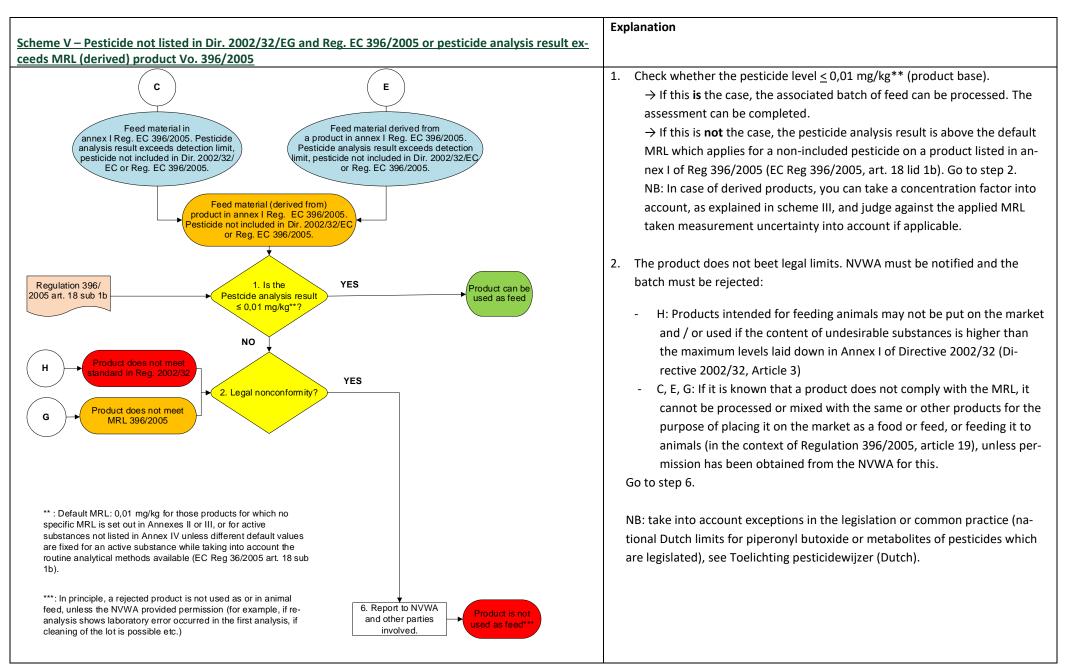












Scheme V (continued) – pesticion rial with only feed application	de analysis result above MRL (derived) product Reg. 396/2005 in a feed mate-	Explanation
F No MRL applicable (Footnote 1*)	3. YES The company decides to reject the batch	3. For products with only feed application, no MRL applies. As a company, you can decide to reject a batch based on the analysis result without carrying out a risk assessment. Go to step 6.
	NO	4. Draw up a risk assessment to assess whether it is safe to use the prod- uct in or as feed, see annex 2 for information sources.
	4. Draw up risk assessment	5.
*: MRLs do not apply to products or part of products that by their characteristics and nature are used exclusively as ingredients of animal feed, until separate MRLs are set in the specific category 1200000	5. Product safe to use as feed?	\rightarrow If this is not the case, the associated batch of feed is not safe to process as feed within the preconditions of the risk assessment. Go to step 6.
(footnote 1 Annex 1 Regulation EG 396/2005 as defined Regulation (EU) 2018/62). ***: In principle, a rejected product is not used as or in animal feed, unless the NVWA provided permission (for example, if re-	YES 7. Inform NVWA about analysis result and risk assessment 8. Archive risk assessment Risk	\rightarrow If this is the case, the associated batch of feed can be safely processed in accordance with the limitations as included in the risk assessment. Go to step 7.
analysis shows laboratory error occurred in the first analysis, if cleaning of the lot is possible etc.)	and possible response NVWA 9. Product can be used as	6. Notify the NVWA and other parties involved about the rejection based on unsuitability (based on legal limits), unsafety (based on risk assessment) or other reasons.
	feed within the preconditions of the risk assessment	If the notified product has already been processed in another feed (such as a compound feed) a risk assessment must also be drawn up for this other product.
		 Notify the NVWA about the analysis result and the risk assessment when you have assessed a product as safe. If you receive an objection from the NWVA, do not use the product as feed.
		8. Archive the risk assessment and any response of the NVWA, so that it can be made available.
		9. Use the product within the preconditions of the risk assessment.

Annex 1: Calculations with pesticide analysis results

Conversion to 88% DM (EU Dir. 2002/32 pesticides)

This conversion is done for pesticides in Directive 2002/32, because this directive provides pesticide limits based on 88% dry matter.

 $Pesticide \ content \ (88\% \ ds) = \frac{88}{\% \ dry \ matter \ in \ product} * pesticide \ analysis \ result$

Conversion pesticide analysis result to MRL definition (EU Reg. 396/2005 pesticides)

The MRL definition in Reg 396/2005 can contain active substances as well as metabolites.

Most labs only report detected substances and often according to MRL definition, so that it can be judged against MRLs in legislation.

If not the case, the pesticide analysis result should be converted before comparing against the legislation.

Pesticide analysis result according to MRL definition (expressed as substance A) = Pesticide Analysis Result substance A + Pesticide Analysis Result substance M * factor M

Your laboratory can perform this conversion for you.

Concentration factors

Concentration factor based on drying

The MRL in Regulation 396/2005 are on a product basis.

In scheme III, corrections can be made for drying (if not already included in the definition/normal state of the product) by applying a concentration factor.

Concentration factor by drying = $\frac{\% dry matter in derived product}{\% dry matter in product in Reg. EC 396/2005}$

Fat-based concentration factor (fat-soluble pesticide)

In the EU pesticide database (F) is sometimes shown after the name of a pesticide. This means that it is fat-soluble. In scheme III, corrections can be made for fat solubility by applying a concentration factor.

Concentration factor based on $fat = \frac{\% fat \text{ in derived product}}{\% fat \text{ in product in } Reg. EC 396/2005}$ For more explanation, see the MVO explanation of concentration factors in annex 2

Concentration factors according to yield

Pesticide concentration can be higher in derived products than in the raw agricultural commodity, when pesticide is concentrated on the outside, e.g. in case of peelings.

This can be corrected by means of a yield factor.

Concentration factor based on yield =
$$\frac{1}{yield \ factor} = \frac{kg \ product \ (RAC)}{kg \ derived \ product}$$

Yield factors can be available from branch organisations and/or requested by the producer of derived products.

Concentration factors according to measurements of specific pesticides on specific feed materials EFSA and RIVM published concentration factors for a number of pesticide-product combinations (see annex 2)

$$Concentration factor pesticide = \frac{pesticide residue \left(\frac{mg}{kg}\right) in derived product}{pesticide residue \left(\frac{mg}{kg}\right) in product (RAC)}$$

Pesticide-product concentration factor is often not publicly available as many possible combinations of feed material and pesticide can be made.

A company can underpin their product is according to MRL based on private data and/or generic concentration factors in combination with the properties of the pesticide and the product, and provide this argumentation to NVWA to judge.

Annex 2: Information sources

National and international legislation and limits

Naam*	URL*
European feed legislation (via EU)	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/advanced-search-
	form.html?locale=en
Directive on Undesirable Substances in feed,	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2002/32
Dir. 2002/32/EG	
Regulation setting maximum levels for pesticide residues	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2005/396
in or on food and feed of vegetable and animal origin,	
Reg. (EC) nr. 396/2005	
Pesticide web, main page	https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/pesticides/eu-pesti-
	cides-database en
Pesticide web, search page pesticides and products	https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesti-
(MRL)	cides-database/start/screen/mrls
Pesticide web, search page products	https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesti-
resticide web, search page products	cides-database/start/screen/products
Destinide web search page active substances	https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesti-
Pesticide web, search page active substances	
	cides-database/start/screen/active-substances
Description (EU) 2010/C2 of January 17 th 2010 replacing	
Regulation (EU) 2018/62 of January 17 th 2018 replacing	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/62
Annex I of Regulation (EC) nr. 396/2005	
Regulation EC 178/2002	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2002/178
(Article 20)	
Dutch law Wet dieren (artikel 5.15)	https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0030250
Dutch law	http://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0003658/
Commodities Act Regulation on pesticide residues	Dutch legislation (contains limits for piperonyl butoxide)
Notification guidelines NVWA (Dutch)	https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/di-
	ervoeder/melden-onveilige-diervoeders
Notification guidelines MRL exceedances in animal feed	https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/di-
NVWA (Dutch)	ervoeder/melden-onveilige-diervoeders/meldplicht-
	mrl-overschrijdingen-in-diervoeder
Decision tree MRL exceedances in animal feed NVWA	https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/diervoeder/docu-
(Dutch)	menten/dier/diervoeder/diervoeder/publicaties/beslis-
	boom-mrl-overschrijding-diervoeder
Definition measurement uncertainty	See Expanded measurement uncertainty in GMP BA11 /
	TS 4.2
Codex Alimentarius, Codex Pesticides Residues in Food	http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-
Online Database: main page	texts/dbs/pestres/en/
Codex Pesticides Residues in Food Online Database:	http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-
search page pesticides	texts/dbs/pestres/pesticides/en/
Codex Pesticides Residues in Food Online Database:	http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-
search page products	texts/dbs/pestres/commodities/en/

Note: always choose the consolidated version of EU legislation, which incorporates all changes that have been made over the years.

Naam [*]	URL*
Concentration	https://mvo.nl/themas/voedsel-diervoederveiligheid (Dutch)
factors vegetable	
fats and oils	MVO notifying requirements on pesticide residues, available at
(MVO): explana-	https://files.enflow.nl/c88ab0bd-554b-4192-a54c-eacc6f5598d4/67812a2b-7ad6-4fb1-9d6d-
tion and factors	2da2cb095b35/downloads/sidebar/mvo-notifying-requirements-on-pesticides-versie-februari-2023-
	<u>final.pdf</u>
EFSA European	https://zenodo.org/record/6827098
database on pro-	
cessing factors v2	
Processing factors	https://www.rivm.nl/en/chemkap/fruit-and-vegetables/processing-factors
for vegetable	
products RIVM	
(in particular fruit	
and vegetables)	

Published concentration factors

Sources of dry matter and fat contents (if not known from the sample itself)

Naam [*]	URL [*]
Dutch Food Composition	Dutch Food Composition Database RIVM
Database	For dry matter contents of food
Centraal Veevoedkundig Bu-	http://www.cvbdiervoeding.nl/pagina/10081/downloads.aspx
reau	For dry matter content of feed materials

Risk assessment for consumers

Naam [*]	URL*
Risk assessment for animals	Pesticide Residue Risk Assessment Tool for footnote 1 products
and consumers for footnote	https://graan.com/pesticide-residue-risk-assessment-tool
1 products applied in com-	
pound feed	
(preferred option)	
Risk assessment for the con-	https://favv-afsca.be/nl/themas/planten/gewasbeschermingsmiddelen#Berekening%20PSTI
sumer when the maximum	
residue limit for pesticides is	Calculation PSTI at bottom (Dutch)
exceeded (MRL)	

Annex 3: Manual for looking up CMR status pesticide (active ingredient)

Why do you want to know if a pesticide is a CMR substance?

When assessing pesticide exceedances of CMR substances, the measurement uncertainty may not be taken into account in the context of the <u>reporting obligation</u>

What is a CMR substance in the context of pesticide evaluation?

Active substance of a pesticide classified according to EU Reg. 1272/2008 with at least one of the terms (Muta. 1A, Muta 1B, Carc. 1A, Carc. 1B, Repr. 1A, Repr. 1B). The "Toelichting pesticidewijzer" gives examples of such substances, which are no longer permitted as plant protection products in the EU.

How can you look up the CMR status of a pesticide?

This can be done in 2 ways:

A) Through the legal text

B) Via EU pesticide database

Method A) Through the legal text

The consolidated version (most recent version) can be found at <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/1272</u> In the pdf you can search by chemical name or CAS number, for the English version it looks like this:

				Classific
Index No	► <u>M18</u> Chemical name ◄	EC No	CAS No	Hazard Class and Category Code(s)
	propiconazole (ISO); (2RS,4RS;2RS,4SR)-1-{[2-(2,4- dichlorophenyl)-4-propyl-1,3- dioxolan-2-yl]methyl}-1H-1,2,4- triazole	262-104-4		Repr. 1B Acute Tox. 4 Skin Sens. 1 Aquatic Acute 1 Aquatic Chronic 1

Look under Hazard Class for the terms (Muta. 1A, Muta 1B, Carc. 1A, Carc. 1B, Repr. 1A, Repr. 1B) occur. If not, the substance is not a CRM substance for the purposes of the reporting obligation.

In this case propiconazole is a CRM substance as Repr 1B is mentioned under hazard class.

Method B) Via EU pesticide database

- 1) Go to the active substances section of the EU pesticide database
- 2) Search for a pesticide by its name (e.g. propiconazole here)

Search Active subs	tances, safeners and synergists	
uropean Commission > Food Sa	fety > Plants > Pesticides > EU Pesticides database > Active substances	
Search options	Active substances, safeners and	synergists (1
Туре	matching records)	eynergiete (1
Nothing selected		
Status	Export Active substances	
Nothing colocted	Q propiconaz	
Nothing selected	Propiconazole	NOT APPROVED
Legislation	Expiry of Approval : 19/12/2018	

- 3) Click on the name of the pesticide
- 4) Click on the link under classification Reg. 1272/2008

Classification <u>Reg. 1272/2008</u>

Information on the classification and labelling of the active substance can be found in the C&L Inventory of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/cl-inventory-database

5) Expand the menu by clicking on the word CL inventory (see yellow mark in snip below)





C&L Inventory

This database contains classification and labelling information on notified and regist and importers. It also includes the list of harmonised classifications. The database notifications. However, updated notifications cannot be specifically flagged because t way are aggregated for display purposes.

Classifications derived from joint submissions to the REACH registration process are these substances, please consult the *Registered substances* database.

Please note that some of the information on C&L Inventory may belong to third parti require the prior permission of the third party owners. Please consult the *Legal Notice*

CL Inventory

Notifications submitted/updated by: 28 March 2024

> CL Inventory

6) Search by name (search field: Substance name) or by CAS number (search field: Numerical Identifier) of the active substance

 CL Inventory 								
Names and numeri	cal identifiers				Classification	n details		
Substance name:	propiconaz		Contains	~				
Numerical					Hazards:	Physical		
identifier:								
Discriminator	All	~				Health		
2.000						Environmental		
					Search op	erator: AND V		
View all substances						5	Search	Clear all

7) Look under classification for the terms terms (Muta. 1A, Muta 1B, Carc. 1A, Carc. 1B, Repr. 1A, Repr. 1B) occur. If not, the substance is not a CRM substance for the purposes of the reporting obligation.

Searched for: 'propiconaz' (Contains)					
Name 🗅	EC / List no. 🗘	CAS no. 🗘	Classification	Source	
propiconazole (ISO); (2 <i>RS</i> ,4 <i>RS</i> ;2 <i>RS</i> ,4 <i>SR</i>)-1-{[2-(2,4- dichlorophenyl)-4-propyl-1,3-dioxolan-2- yl]methyl}-1 <i>H</i> -1,2,4-triazole 613-205-00-0	262-104- 4	60207- 90-1	Acute Tox. 4 Skin Sens. 1 Aquatic Acute 1 Aquatic Chronic 1 Repr. 18	Harmonised C&L	0

In this case propiconazole is a CRM substance as Repr 1B is mentioned under hazard class.