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### **Detection of chlorate V**

#### Action thresholds for chlorate detections

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

the Federal Ministry Food and Agriculture (BMEL) informed today that it made the suggestion to the supreme federal state authorities, which are responsible for the food control administration, to use the following action thresholds for chlorate in Germany on temporary basis:

- For all plant products in Annex 1 to Regulation EC No. 396/2005 except vegetables: 0,1 mg/kg
- For all vegetables except carrots: 0,25 mg/kg
- For carrots: 0,2 mg/kg

These action thresholds are derived toxicologically from the EFSA-PRIMO model.

There was no express contradiction by the states. One federal state pointed out that it is also necessary to consider every case individually regarding the „Good Practice“ in the suggested approach.

Earlier in the meetings of the *Standing Committee on Pesticides Residues* (SCoFAH) there was no agreement on a consistent European-wide maximum level.

An adaptation of the maximum level at European level is now scheduled for the meeting of the SCoFAH in June 2015. Until then, the Member States are free to establish their own action thresholds for the food control administration.

The European Commission called on the Member States to collect and forward further analysis results. On basis of these monitoring data, the EFSA will create a scientific opinion.

Kind regards,

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