



Western Growers recommends that exporters strictly adhere to the following procedures:

1. Identify and select a lot for export
2. Require your grower/packer to provide a complete list identifying any pesticides/fungicides that have been applied, either pre-harvest or post-harvest; including the application dates, number of applications, and amounts applied during each applications.

Or

Have the grower/packer acknowledge that they have compared all applied pesticides/fungicides of the selected lot to the MRL Database and that the established U.S. MRL is at or below the importing countries' MRL, and that applications/amounts of pesticides/fungicides were in a manner and interval that would ensure residue(s) within the importing countries' MRL. If this option is selected proceed with export; otherwise continue with the following:

3. Compare the list of pesticides/fungicides applied by the grower against the database for the importing countries' residue limit.
4. Provide your grower/packer with the database information to ensure the shipment will be within the importing countries' residue tolerance.
5. Confirm that your grower/packer acknowledges that they have reviewed the appropriate database and are familiar with the pesticide/fungicide tolerances of both the U.S. and that of the importing countries' prior to releasing the lot for shipment.
6. If the established U.S. MRL is at or below the importing countries' MRL, proceed with export shipment.
7. If the U.S. MRL is higher than the importing countries' MRL do not export, unless tested to determine the current residue is at or below that of the importing country.
8. If the actual residue test results show the MRL exceeding the import countries' MRL do not export, and select another lot that has not had the same spray record, repeating the aforementioned procedures.

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