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**Banana – Product Standard –  
Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Pesticides**



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**Foreword**

In 2013, the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries - Committee on Fruits and Vegetables (PCAF- CFA) requested the establishment of a national standard on pesticide residues in banana, mango, and pineapple among other commodities. In 2015, Philippine National Standards (PNS) on the Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Pesticides in Banana (PNS/BAFPS 161:2015), Mango (PNS/BAFPS 160:2015), and Pineapple (PNS/BAFPS 159:2015) were established.

In 2021, the PNS on MRLs in banana was reviewed and updated following the recent developments in the MRLs set by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, ASEAN, and other trading partner countries. A Technical Working Group (TWG) was created through Special Order No. 81, series of 2021, (Creation of Technical Working Groups TWG for the Development of PNS for Agriculture and Fishery Products, Machinery, and Equipment), which is composed of representatives from relevant government agencies, academe, and private sector. The draft standard was discussed in a series of TWG meetings and a stakeholder consultation (held September 30, 2021) conducted via online platforms. The TWG finalized the draft PNS before its endorsement to the DA Secretary for approval.

This PNS/BAFS edition includes the following significant changes compared to the previous PNS/BAFPS 160:2015:

1. Inclusion of the terms and definitions;
2. Amendment of the established MRLs for banana; and
3. Inclusion of the references for the sampling and analysis.

This Standard cancel and replaces PNS/BAFPS 160:2015 which has been technically amended. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the BPS Directives Part 2.

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## 1 Scope

This standard covers the maximum residue limits established for banana (*Musa sp.*).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their contents constitute the requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Australian Government Federal Register of Legislation. (2021). Agricultural and veterinary chemicals code (MRL standard) instrument 2019.

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021C00087>

Bryant Christie Inc. (2021). US global MRL database.

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## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions shall apply:

### 3.1

#### **active ingredient**

part of the product that provides the pesticidal action

**3.2****banana**

edible fruit of tropical plant belonging to the genus *Musa* of the family *Musaceae*. Some varieties of bananas in the Philippines include but are not limited to *Bungulan*, *Cardaba*, *Cavendish*, *Lakatan*, *Latundan*, *Pisangmas*, *Tindoc*, *Saba*, *Señorita*, and *Morado*.

**3.3****maximum residue limit (MRL)**

maximum concentration of a pesticide residue (expressed as mg/kg) to be legally permitted in or on food commodities and animal feeds

**3.4****pesticide**

any substance or product, or mixture thereof, including active ingredients, adjuvants and pesticide formulations, intended to control, prevent, destroy, repel or mitigate directly or indirectly, any pest. The term shall be understood to include insecticide, fungicide, bactericide, nematicide, herbicide, molluscicide, avicide, rodenticide, plant regulator, defoliant, desiccant, and the like.

**3.5****pesticide residue**

any specified substance in food, agricultural commodities, or animal feed resulting from the use of a pesticide. The term includes any derivatives of a pesticide, such as conversion products, metabolites, reaction products, and impurities considered to be of toxicological significance.

**4 Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)****Table 1. MRL per active ingredient in banana**

Active ingredient	MRL (mg/kg)
abamectin <sup>3</sup>	0.01
acephate <sup>1</sup>	1.00
acibenzolar-S-methyl <sup>2</sup>	0.06
Footnote:  1. Australian Government Federal Register of Legislation. (2021). Agricultural and veterinary chemicals code (MRL standard) instrument 2019. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021C00087">https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021C00087</a>  2. Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). (2018). Codex Alimentarius pesticide database. <a href="http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/en/">http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/en/</a>  3. Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) – Department of Agriculture (DA). (2021). FPA registered Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for banana. Unpublished raw data.	

Active ingredient	MRL (mg/kg)
atrazine <sup>7</sup>	0.02
azoxystrobin <sup>1</sup>	0.50
benomyl <sup>5</sup>	0.10
bifenthrin <sup>3</sup>	0.10
bitertanol <sup>5</sup>	0.50
boscalid <sup>5</sup>	0.60
buprofezin <sup>5</sup>	0.50
carbaryl <sup>2,6,7</sup>	5.00
cadusafos <sup>5</sup>	0.01
carbendazim <sup>3</sup>	0.20
carbofuran <sup>3</sup>	0.01
chlorfenapyr <sup>5</sup>	0.01
chlorothalonil <sup>5</sup>	2.00
chlorpyrifos <sup>5</sup>	2.00
cypermethrin <sup>7</sup>	0.03
diazinon <sup>4</sup>	0.30
difenoconazole <sup>5</sup>	0.10
dimethoate <sup>5</sup>	1.00
diniconazole <sup>4</sup>	0.01
diquat <sup>3</sup>	0.02

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7. The Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation. (2021). Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) list of agricultural chemicals in foods. <http://db.ffcr.or.jp/front/>

Active ingredient	MRL (mg/kg)
dithiocarbamates <sup>3</sup> (maneb, mancozeb, propineb, thiram, ziram, and zineb)	2.00
dodine <sup>3</sup>	0.20
ethyl formate <sup>3</sup>	3.00
epoxiconazole <sup>3</sup>	0.50
ethephon <sup>3</sup>	2.00
ethoprophos <sup>1</sup>	0.02
etofenprox <sup>3</sup>	2.00
fenamiphos <sup>3</sup>	0.05
fenarimol <sup>1</sup>	0.20
fenbuconazole <sup>1</sup>	0.05
fenitrothion <sup>3</sup>	0.20
fenpropimorph <sup>3</sup>	2.00
fipronil <sup>1</sup>	0.005
flonicamid <sup>3</sup>	2.00
fluazifop-p-butyl <sup>1</sup>	0.01
fluopyram <sup>3</sup>	0.80
flusilazole <sup>1</sup>	0.03
flutriafol <sup>3</sup>	0.30
formetanate HCl <sup>3</sup>	0.01
fosthiazate <sup>3</sup>	0.05
glufosinate ammonium <sup>3</sup>	0.20
glyphosate <sup>3</sup>	0.20
haloxyfop <sup>1</sup>	0.02
imazalil <sup>3</sup>	2.00
imidacloprid <sup>3</sup>	0.05
iminocadine tris <sup>3</sup> (albesilate)	0.30
indaziflam <sup>3</sup>	0.01
iprodione <sup>3</sup>	10.00

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Active ingredient	MRL (mg/kg)
isoprothiolane <sup>2</sup>	0.90
isopyrazam <sup>2</sup>	0.05
lambda-cyhalothrin <sup>2</sup>	0.50
methomyl <sup>2</sup>	5.00
oxamyl <sup>2</sup>	0.20
prochloraz <sup>2</sup>	5.00
propiconazole <sup>2</sup>	0.10
pyraclostrobin <sup>2</sup>	0.01
pyrimethanil <sup>2</sup>	0.10
saflufenacil <sup>1</sup>	0.01
spinosad <sup>3</sup>	0.01
spirotetramat <sup>2</sup>	4.00
spiroxamine <sup>2</sup>	4.00
tebuconazole <sup>2</sup>	0.05
terbufos <sup>1</sup>	0.05
thiabendazole <sup>1</sup>	5.00
thiamethoxam <sup>2</sup>	0.02
thiophanate methyl <sup>4</sup>	0.20
triadimefon <sup>1</sup>	1.00
triadimenol <sup>2</sup>	0.20
tridemorph <sup>2</sup>	0.07
trifloxystrobin <sup>1</sup>	0.05
triflumizole <sup>2</sup>	2.00
zoxamide <sup>2</sup>	0.20

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4. The Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation. (2021). Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) list of agricultural chemicals in foods. <http://db.ffcr.or.jp/front/>



## 5 Sampling and analysis

Analytical and sampling methods to be used for ascertaining conformance to the established limits should be in accordance with relevant text by the CAC and/or the competent authority for the commodity, which include but are not limited to the following:

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- b) CAC. (1999). Recommended methods of sampling for the determination of pesticide residues for compliance with MRLs (CAC GL 33-1999). [http://www.fao.org/input/download/standards/361/CXG\\_033e.pdf](http://www.fao.org/input/download/standards/361/CXG_033e.pdf)
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- h) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). (2021). Food contaminant and residue information system pesticide residue methods. <https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/fcris/Pages/Home.aspx>
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