New Zealand Food Safety
Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua

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Dear Warwick,

Thank you for your email of 15 September 2026 requesting information on glyphosate residues in honey. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

1. *Does MPI or New Zealand Food Safety recognise, prescribe or recommend 0.01 mg/kg as the validated detection limit, reporting limit or limit of quantification for glyphosate in honey?*

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) does not recognise, prescribe or recommend that laboratories use 0.01 mg/kg as a limit of detection, limit of quantification, or reporting limit for glyphosate in honey.

2. *Is there any New Zealand regulation, standard, guidance document or validated analytical requirement that establishes 0.01 mg/kg as the appropriate threshold below which glyphosate results in honey should be regarded as non-detectable or analytically uncertain?*

MPI is not aware of any New Zealand regulation, standard, guidance document, or analytical requirement that establishes 0.01 mg/kg as a threshold below which glyphosate results in honey should be regarded as non-detectable or analytically uncertain.

There are no records with MPI or New Zealand Food Safety requiring, prescribing, recommending, or otherwise directing the use of 0.01 mg/kg as a limit of detection, limit of quantification, or reporting limit for glyphosate in honey.

3. *If a laboratory has a validated method with a reporting limit of 0.002 mg/kg for glyphosate in honey, is there any scientific or regulatory reason why results reported between 0.002 and 0.01 mg/kg should be regarded as non-detectable, analytically uncertain or unreliable?*

MPI is not aware of any regulatory requirement, guidance document, or scientific information that establishes that glyphosate results in honey between 0.002 mg/kg and 0.01 mg/kg should be regarded as non-detectable, analytically uncertain, or unreliable solely because they are below 0.01 mg/kg.

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MPI regulates the use of glyphosate under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (ACVM) Act of 1997, and Food Act 2014. Further information that sets out background on honey testing can be found on our website https://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety-home/safe-levels-of-chemicals-in-food/fertilisers-pesticides-hormones-and-medicines-in-food/glyphosate-in-food

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely,



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