Control plans on the use of pharmacologically active substances/residues

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Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/2562 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1644 as regards certain criteria for the selection of samples

What is changing and why?

Competent authorities in non-EU countries must control the presence of pharmacologically active substances in animal products to be exported to the EU. The EU has established a list of which substances must be controlled in each type of animal product (e.g. bovine, aquaculture, honey). Non-EU controls must be equivalent to those carried out in the EU.

As they are not relevant to these products, the following substances no longer need to be controlled:

- Plant protection products and biocides used in animal husbandry of food-producing animals in raw milk (from cows, ewes, goats) and honey
- Anti-inflammatory substances, sedatives, and any other pharmacologically active substances in aquaculture products and eggs.

Actions

In the control plan that non-EU competent authorities must submit to the European Commission every year to allow exports of animal products to the EU, there is no longer a need to plan controls of the removed substances for raw milk, honey, aquaculture products, and eggs.

Timeline

The new rules apply from **1 January 2025**.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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