

EU Health and food audits and analysis programme 2025

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What is changing and why?

The European Commission performs "controls" (audits and remote assessments) of European Member States and non-EU countries to ensure they have systems in place to guarantee that food put on the EU market meets EU rules for food safety and plant and animal health.

Audits

In 2025, the following audits are planned:

- Albania – microbiological safety of plant-based food
- Argentina – safety of poultry products
- Botswana – export to the EU (citrus/Thaumatotibia leucotreta – false codling moth)
- Brazil – microbiological safety of plant-based food
- China – safety of poultry meat products and rabbit meat
- Ecuador – safety of fishery products; residues of pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants in animals and animal products
- Egypt – pesticide residue controls in plant-based food
- Guatemala – export to the EU (Calibrachoa and Petunia – plants for planting)
- India – export to the EU (Tephritidae fruit flies)
- Kenya – export to the EU (cut flowers/T. leucotreta – false codling moth)
- Mauritania – safety of fishery products
- Morocco – residues of pharmacologically active substances, pesticides, and contaminants in food of animal origin
- Pakistan – safety of fishery products
- Philippines – residues of pharmacologically active substances, pesticides, and contaminants in food of animal origin
- Serbia – safety of beef, pork, and poultry
- Thailand – residues of pharmacologically active substances, pesticides, and contaminants in food of animal origin
- Türkiye – food of non-animal origin: pesticide residues; food of animal origin: residues of pharmacologically active substances, pesticides, and contaminants

- Ukraine – food of animal origin: residues of pharmacologically active substances, pesticides, and contaminants
- Vietnam – pesticide residues in plant-based food.

The audit process involves detailed pre-audit questionnaires, site visits, and reports with recommendations for addressing non-compliances. In addition, the EU uses questionnaires to assess compliance with EU standards, particularly regarding residue control plans.

Remote assessments

In 2025, the following remote assessments are planned:

- Albania – fishery products (remote assessment)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina – fishery products (remote assessment)
- Moldova – fishery products (remote assessment)
- Montenegro – animal health; plant health and pesticides; food; import controls (assessment in the frame of the EU enlargement)
- Ukraine – fishery products.

Remote assessments are based on comprehensive questionnaires.

Residue control plans in all non-EU exporting countries must be checked at least once every 5 years. The current 5-year cycle ends in 2025, so non-EU countries that have not yet been checked can expect remote assessments this year.

Full details on control activities and planned audits can be found in the following Annexes to the [Health and food audits and analysis programme 2025](#):

- Annex 1: Multi-annual plan 2021–2025 and controls planned in 2025
- Annex 3: Controls in candidate countries/potential candidates planned in 2025
- Annex 4: Controls in third countries planned in 2025.

Actions

Exporting countries must prepare for audits by maintaining detailed and organised records. This means documenting all procedures, controls, and corrective actions taken to meet EU requirements, and collecting clear evidence of system improvements, training logs, health and safety checks, and traceability.

Timeline

This programme highlights the audits and remote assessments planned for 2025.

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