Frequency rates for plant import controls 2025

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Regulation (EU) 2025/355 concerning the establishment of frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks on consignments of plants, plant products and other objects entering the Union

What is changing and why?

This Regulation updates the frequency rates for identity and physical checks of plants, taking into account pest biology, past cases of non-compliance, and trade volume.

Increased identity and physical checks for:

- Citrus from Morocco
- Apples (Malus) from Argentina
- Turmeric (Curcuma longa) from Thailand
- Strawberries (Fragaria) – despite a reduced frequency at 5% for most countries, strawberries from Egypt are now checked at 100% due to recent pest interceptions
- Avocado (Persea americana) – despite a low baseline rate of 1% for all countries, avocados from Cameroon are now checked at 100% due to recent pest interceptions.

Decreased identity and physical checks for:

- Apples (Malus), pears (Pyrus), and Prunus from European countries outside the EU
- Prunus from Türkiye
- Pears (Pyrus) from China
- Citrus from Egypt and Türkiye.

Table 1 provides details of the changes.

Actions

To reduce the risk of interceptions, and the introduction of increased physical checks, non-EU countries should ensure their plant exports comply with EU phytosanitary requirements by introducing (among others) enhanced plant health measures and certification processes.

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Timeline

The new frequencies of checks apply from **1 March 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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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Changes to frequency rates of identity and physical checks for certain food plant products*

Food plant products	Origin	Frequency rate (%)	
		Feb 2024 [1]	New[2]
Avocado (*Persea americana*)	Cameroon	1	**100**
Citrus	Egypt	75	**50**
Citrus	Morocco	3	**5**
Citrus	Türkiye	7	**5**
Strawberries *(Fragaria)*	Egypt	5	**100**
Turmeric (*Curcuma longa*)	Thailand	25	**35**
Stone fruits (*Prunus*)	European countries (excluding EU Member States)[3], excluding Türkiye	5	**3**
Apples (*Malus*)	European countries (excluding EU Member States)[3]	15	**10**
Apples (*Malus*)	Argentina	35	**75**
Prunus	Türkiye	35	**25**
Pears (*Pyrus*)	European countries (excluding EU Member States)[3]	50	**10**
Pears (*Pyrus*)	China	100	**50**

* This table highlights *changes* between the previous and new frequency rates for food plant products. For a full list of frequency rates see Regulation 2024/591, Annex I
[1] Regulation (EU) 2024/591
[2] Regulation (EU) 2025/355
[3] European countries within AGRINFO scope are: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, [Kosovo], Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, and Ukraine

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