

# 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.

## 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.

## Tables & Figures


| Table 1<br>Changes to frequency rates of identity and physical checks<br>for certain food plant products* |  |                         |                    |
|---|--|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Food plant products   | Origin   | Frequency rate (%)      |                    |
|   |  | Feb 2024 <sup>[1]</sup> | New <sup>[2]</sup> |
| Avocado ( <i>Persea americana</i> )   | Cameroon   | 1                       | <b>100</b>         |
| Root and tubercle vegetables<br>(except <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> )  | Cameroon   | 5                       | <b>100</b>         |
| Citrus  | Egypt  | 75                      | <b>50</b>          |
| Citrus  | Morocco  | 3                       | <b>5</b>           |
| Citrus  | Türkiye  | 7                       | <b>5</b>           |
| Strawberries ( <i>Fragaria</i> )  | Egypt  | 5                       | <b>100</b>         |
| Turmeric ( <i>Curcuma longa</i> )   | Thailand   | 25                      | <b>35</b>          |
| Stone fruits ( <i>Prunus</i> )  | European countries (excluding EU Member States) <sup>[3]</sup> , excluding Türkiye | 5                       | <b>3</b>           |
| Apples ( <i>Malus</i> )   | European countries (excluding EU Member States) <sup>[3]</sup>                     | 15                      | <b>10</b>          |
| Apples ( <i>Malus</i> )   | Argentina  | 35                      | <b>75</b>          |
| <i>Prunus</i>   | Türkiye  | 35                      | <b>25</b>          |
| Pears ( <i>Pyrus</i> )  | European countries (excluding EU Member States) <sup>[3]</sup>                     | 50                      | <b>10</b>          |
| Pears ( <i>Pyrus</i> )  | China  | 100                     | <b>50</b>          |

\* 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

<sup>[1]</sup> Regulation (EU) 2024/591

<sup>[2]</sup> Regulation (EU) 2025/355

<sup>[3]</sup> 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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