Increased controls: arachidonic acid oil from China

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/459 of 24 February 2026 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 as regards the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of arachidonic acid oil originating in China

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has introduced increased controls on imports of arachidonic acid oil from China, used in infant formula. The toxin cereulide was found in this product. This toxin is suspected to have caused the deaths of two infants.

- All consignments must now be accompanied by an official certificate showing the absence of cereulide toxin. The results of sampling and analyses undertaken should be attached to that certificate.
- 50% of consignments will be checked at the EU border.

Timeline

This Regulation applies from **26 February 2026**. Consignments of arachidonic acid oil from China entering the EU before that date do not require an official certificate and the results of sampling and analyses. 50% of these consignments will be checked at the EU border.

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