Temporary increased official controls on foods from certain countries – January 2026 update

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/194 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries

What is changing and why?

When a potential risk to public health is identified, the European Union (EU) introduces Regulations to temporarily increase official controls on certain food products from specific countries.

The countries for which official controls have **increased** on certain products are: **Bangladesh, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Rwanda, Thailand,** and **Türkiye**.

The countries for which official controls have **decreased** on certain products are: **Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, India, Lebanon, Malaysia,** and **Türkiye**.

An updated list of all increased official controls is provided in the Annexes to the Regulation.

- Annex I of the Regulation lists products from certain non-EU countries that are subject to a temporary increase of official controls at EU border control posts and control points.
- Annex II lists products and their countries of origin that are subject to special conditions, as well as to a temporary increase of official controls on entering the EU.

For details of changes to the Annex I and II lists, see Tables 1 and 2.

For further information on the implications of being placed in Annex I or II, please see the Full report and the AGRINFO guidance Temporary increase of official controls of food imports – Regulation 2019/1793: An introduction.

Actions

Exporters of all products listed in Annexes I and II of Regulation 2025/1441 must take steps to ensure full compliance with EU law.

Exporters of **strawberries from Egypt** for risks related to pesticide residues (newly added to Annex I) should urgently review current practices and adopt additional measures to ensure

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compliance.

Timeline

This Regulation applies from **18 February 2026**.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Changes to Annex I of Regulation 2019/1793

Country	Commodity	Hazard	Annex I status	Frequency of identity and physical checks
Bangladesh	Seem beans and helmet beans (*Lablab purpureus*)	Pesticide residues		Increased from 20% to 30%
Côte d'Ivoire	Palm oil *for packed products for direct human consumption*	Sudan dyes		Increased from 20% to 30%
	Palm oil *in bulk*	Sudan dyes	Removed from Annex I and no longer subject to increased controls	None
Egypt	Strawberries	Pesticide residues	Added	20%
	Oranges	Pesticide residues		Decreased from 20% to 10%
India	Peppers of the genus *Piper*, or dried, crushed, or ground *Capsicum* or *Pimenta*	Ethylene oxide	Moved from Annex II	20%
	Calcium carbonate	Ethylene oxide	Moved from Annex II	30%
	Rice	Aflatoxins and Ochratoxin A	Removed from Annex I and no longer subject to increased controls (*but remains listed for pesticide residues*)	None
	Okra	Ethylene oxide	Removed from Annex I and no longer subject to increased controls (*but remains listed for pesticide residues*)	None
	Nutmeg (*Myristica fragrans*)	Aflatoxins	Removed from Annex I and no longer subject to increased controls	None
	Vanilla	Ethylene oxide		None
	Cloves (whole fruit, cloves, and stems)	Ethylene oxide		None
Lebanon	Turnips (*Brassica rapa* ssp. *rapa*)	Rhodamine B	Removed from Annex I and no longer subject to increased controls	None
Malaysia	Mixtures of food additives containing locust bean gum	Ethylene oxide		None
Rwanda	*Capsicum* peppers (other than sweet)	Pesticide residues		Increased from 30% to 50%
Thailand	*Capsicum* peppers (other than sweet)	Pesticide residues		Increased from 30% to 50%
Türkiye	*Sesamum* seeds	*Salmonella*		Increased from 20% to 30%
	Lemons (*Citrus limon*, *C. limonum*)	Pesticide residues		Decreased from 30% to 20%
	Grapefruits	Pesticide residues	Removed from Annex I and no longer subject to increased controls	None
	Mixtures of food additives containing locust bean gum	Ethylene oxide		None

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Table 2 Changes to Annex II of Regulation 2019/1793			
Country	Commodity	Hazard	Frequency of identity and physical checks
Brazil	Black pepper (*Piper nigrum*)	*Salmonella*	Decreased from 50% to 30%
Türkiye	Pistachios, mixtures and products produced from pistachios	Aflatoxins	Increased from 30% to 50%
	Pistachios, mixtures and products produced from pistachios originating from USA and dispatched to EU from Türkiye	Aflatoxins	Increased from 30% to 50%
	Mandarins, clementines, Wilking mandarins, similar citrus hybrids	Pesticide residues	Decreased from 20% to 10%
	Oranges	Pesticide residues	Decreased from 30% to 20%
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