Upcoming EU regulatory changes and opportunities for feedback: Quarterly report

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Overview of EU policies and regulations under development where opportunities to provide feedback are expected soon

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Update

For some new policies and laws, the European Union (EU) gives the opportunity to all stakeholders (including those from non-EU countries) to provide their input and feedback. For more information on the EU consultation process, see How to provide feedback on upcoming EU policies and regulations – explained. Upcoming (expected) consultations so far announced in 2026 and 2027 are listed here. For live consultations, see AGRINFO's Ongoing Consultations webpage.

Background

The European Commission will be collecting feedback on the new agri-food policies and regulations listed here.

Once consultations are launched, all stakeholders (competent authorities, trade associations, individual exporters) may provide direct feedback via the EU's Have your say webpages specific to each proposed law.

Participating in this process is important, and helps to ensure that the interests of low- and middle-income countries are taken into account when new policies or regulations are developed by the EU.

These consultations are part of the Commission's commitment to greater regulatory transparency and are carried out in line with its Better Regulation Guidelines – guidance for preparing new initiatives and proposals, or for managing and evaluating existing legislation.

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Upcoming opportunities to give feedback

Stakeholders will be able to provide input to public consultations or give feedback on draft proposals for the following:

Fruit and vegetables

Marketing standards – EU rules for the marketing of cider and perry – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Add marketing standards for cider and perry that specify production conditions that take account of consumer demand and facilitate trade relations.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2027.

Olive oil conformity checks – revision – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Implement recently adopted changes to the International Olive Council (IOC) Trade Standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils. It specifies obligations for operators regarding the traceability of monovarietal extra virgin olive oil of the Coratina variety. It also allows an additional IOC method to be used for conformity checks.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Olive oil marketing standards – revision – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Bring olive oil marketing standards into line with the recently adopted changes to the IOC Trade Standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils. It concerns the limit for total sterol content in monovarietal extra virgin olive oil of the Coratina variety, and the labelling of these oils.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Food safety

Food safety – vitamins and minerals added to food (minimum and maximum levels) – Regulation

Aim: Set maximum levels for vitamins and minerals that may be added to food supplements and fortified foods; and set minimum levels for food supplements.

Timeline: Public consultation expected in the third quarter of 2026; adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2028.

Biocidal products

Biocidal products – renewing authorisations of products subject to mutual recognition – Delegated Regulation

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Aim: Clarify the scope of Regulation 492/2014, particularly regarding which authorisations of biocidal products can be renewed in a group application, amendment of renewal procedures, and timelines.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Biocidal products – rules on changes to their authorisations – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Update provisions (in the light of experience of the procedures), in accordance with Regulation 528/2012, to provide clarity on procedural questions and ensure alignment with other Delegated and Implementing Regulations.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Biocides – Review Programme Regulation on existing biocidal active substances (update) – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Update Regulation 1062/2014, including rules governing the review programme of existing active substances under Regulation 528/2012. The main aim is to speed up progress in completing the review of biocides.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Food safety – rules on same biocidal products (SBPs) (update) – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Update rules for the authorisation of "same biocidal products" in Regulation 414/2013 to clarify their definition, their interaction with Regulation 354/2013, and the procedure to renew, amend, or cancel authorisations. ("Same biocidal products" are biocidal products identical to another biocidal product/family, except for administrative aspects.)

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Endocrine disruptors in biocides – aligning criteria with the new hazard classes for chemicals – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Align the existing scientific criteria for determining the endocrine-disrupting (hormone-disrupting) properties of substances used in biocidal products. The proposal aligns the existing criteria with new hazard classes for endocrine disruptors introduced by EU rules on the classification, labelling, and packaging of chemicals. The alignment removes legal uncertainty and reduces the burden on applicants and competent authorities, while ensuring greater coherence in chemical safety assessments.

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Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Food labelling

Food labelling – voluntary provision of Precautionary Allergen Labelling (PAL) – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Set requirements for providing voluntary information on the possible, unintentional presence of allergens in food, known as Precautionary Allergen Labelling (PAL).

Timeline: Consultation in preparation, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2027.

Agricultural products – rules on the use of optional terms for 'fair', 'equitable' and 'short supply chain' – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Further specify EU rules on when agricultural products can use the terms 'fair', 'equitable' and 'short supply chain' to ensure claims using these terms are more transparent and reliable for consumers.

Timeline: Consultation in preparation, adoption of Regulation expected in the third quarter of 2028.

Wine sector

Update of EU rules on wine-making treatments and techniques to adapt them to new developments in the sector – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Update EU rules to align with new developments and with international wine sector standards recommended by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV). This will allow EU wine producers to use new practices and compounds so that they are not at a commercial disadvantage compared to producers from other countries.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Wine labelling – revision of rules and procedures for traditional terms – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Further streamline, clarify, and rationalise the rules for protecting, modifying, and cancelling traditional terms used in wine labelling to make it easier for businesses and EU Member States to understand and implement the procedures, and to strengthen the system of traditional terms.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

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Rules on electronic labelling of wine and amendments to rules on traditional terms and holdings – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Supplement the "Wine Package" Regulation by laying down rules for electronic labelling of wine (see Council of the EU 2026).

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Aromatised wine products – rules on electronic labelling – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Complete the "Wine Package" Regulation by laying down rules for electronic labelling of aromatised wine products (see Council of the EU 2026).

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the third quarter of 2027.

Food packaging

Plastic packaging containing biobased feedstock – EU rules – Proposal for a Regulation

Aim: Assess the sustainability of bio-based feedstocks, potential measures to increase market uptake, and the relationship between bio-based and recycled content. Also to examine definitions, environmental impacts, recycling compatibility, consumer information, and verification.

Timeline: Public consultation until 13 January 2027, adoption of Regulation expected in the third quarter of 2027.

Packaging and packaging waste – new Commission implementing rules on harmonised labels – Implementing Decision

Aim: Ensure the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) is implemented uniformly. The European Commission intends to adopt rules on harmonised pictograms and labelling specifications for packaging and for waste receptacles.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the second quarter of 2027.

Plant health

Plant protection products: aligning approval criteria for active substances with new hazard classes for chemicals – Regulation

Aim: Align certain approval criteria for active substances, safeners, and synergists with the relevant new hazard classes introduced by Regulation 2023/707 into the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation (1272/2008). The alignment is expected to reduce the

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regulatory burden on applicants and competent authorities, and to ensure improved consistency in safety assessments for chemicals.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Plant passport requirement – exemption for final users receiving via distance contracts – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Regulation 2016/2031 on protective measures against pests of plants requires a plant passport for the movement of plants and plant products if they are supplied directly to a final user through a distance contract. This Regulation will set out the cases where this plant passport requirement does not apply to particular plants or plant products.

Timeline: Public consultation in preparation, adoption of Regulation postponed – now expected in the fourth quarter of 2027.

Plant protection – addition of four unacceptable co-formulants in Annex III to the Plant Protection Products Regulation – Regulation

Aim: List four additional substances as unacceptable co-formulants in Annex III to Regulation 1107/2009 on the placing on the market, use, and control of plant protection products.

Timeline: Public consultation in preparation, adoption of Regulation expected in the second quarter of 2027.

Amendment to EU rules on propagating material and fruit plants and update of the list of regulated non-quarantine pests – Implementing Directive

Aim: Update the list of regulated non-quarantine pests and related requirements for propagating material and fruit plants.

Timeline: Public consultation in preparation, adoption of Regulation expected in the second quarter of 2027.

Fish

Managing fisheries – updated rules (technical measures) – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Establish detailed provisions on several aspects directly related to technical measures –rules governing how, where, and when fishers may fish. It includes provisions on selection devices to reduce unwanted catches; and on the control and monitoring of certain areas and specific fishing gear.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

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Veterinary medicines – List of substances which may be used in food-producing aquatic species – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Draw up a list of substances contained either in veterinary medicines authorised in the EU for food-producing animals, or in medicines authorised in the EU for human use, which may be administered to food-producing aquatic species when there are no medicines authorised for such species or those authorised are not available.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon; adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Fishery products – exempting certain farmed fish from freezing treatment for killing parasites – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Amend Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 (Annex III) to establish the criteria exempting certain farmed fish from the requirements to freeze after killing fishery products for raw consumption, based on an opinion published by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA 2024).

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Antimicrobials in food-producing aquatic species – conditions for use outside the terms of their marketing authorisation – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Draw up a list of antimicrobials that may be used, or must not be used, in food-producing aquatic species outside the terms of their marketing authorisations.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Animal products (other than fish)

Animal welfare – verifying compliance with EU welfare rules (detailed requirements) – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Reinforce controls of EU animal welfare rules during official meat inspections in slaughterhouses, such as monitoring the condition of pigs' tails and broilers' feet as indicators of on-farm animal welfare. Update rules on health markings and the on-farm slaughter of animals including cattle, pigs, and ostriches.

Timeline: Public consultation delayed, adoption postponed to the first quarter of 2027.

On-farm animal welfare for certain animals: modernisation of EU legislation – Proposal for a Regulation

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Aim: Revise EU rules on animal welfare on farms, taking into account the latest scientific evidence, stakeholder feedback, assessment of economic and social impacts, and societal demand. Stronger alignment of animal welfare production standards applied to imported products, in line with international rules.

Timeline: Last step of consultation process expected in the fourth quarter of 2026 (see On-farm animal welfare: Review of EU laws).

Antimicrobials in equine species – conditions for use outside the terms of their marketing authorisations – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Draw up a list of antimicrobials that may be used, or must not be used, in horses outside the terms of their marketing authorisations.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Pollution prevention and control – emissions from rearing livestock – Report

Aim: Assess the emissions from livestock rearing within the EU, in particular from cattle, and explore whether EU action is needed to prevent and control these emissions in a way that is consistent with international obligations.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Organic production

Organic and in-conversion products – import controls and certificates of inspection (revision) – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Revise the rules on EU import controls and inspection certificates for organic and in-conversion products that are not yet certified under EU organic legislation.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Imports of organic products – update of the list of recognised non-EU countries and their control authorities and bodies – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Update the information provided by non-EU organic exporters whose rules on organic products are recognised as equivalent to those of the EU. This information includes the list of control authorities and control bodies, and certain administrative information under the equivalence regime.

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Timeline: Public consultations expected soon, adoption of Regulations expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Organic production – cleaning & disinfection products (criteria & conditions), hydrolates and magnesium chloride – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Reflect the new production needs of the organic food sector and ensure that production standards are aligned across the EU by introducing specific criteria for the authorisation of products and substances to be used in products for cleaning and disinfection; add hydrolates to the list of products; and allow the use of magnesium chloride in processed food as a non-organic salt.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Use of certain products and substances in organic production (amendment) – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Amend the lists of products and substances that may be used as external inputs in organic production. In particular, the lists of active substances in pesticides and fertilisers to be used in organic plant production; cleaning and disinfection products in animal and plant production; food and feed additives; and non-organic agricultural ingredients. Also to facilitate access to products and substances necessary for organic production.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Refining organic olive oil – prohibition of certain techniques – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Safeguard high quality standards for organic olive oil by prohibiting the refining of (extra) virgin olive oil in organic production.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Organic sector – competitiveness action plan

Aim: Update the current action plan for the development of organic production, which runs until the end of 2026. Create favourable conditions for further development of the organic sector by setting out potential actions at regional, national, and EU level.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption expected in the third quarter of 2027.

Environment

Environmental Footprint methods – 2026 update – Decision

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Aim: Update the existing Environmental Footprint methods to bring them into line with scientific developments, simplify them, and make them more suitable for policy use. The Environmental Footprint methods are science-based tools for analysing the life-cycle environmental impacts of products and organisations.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption expected in the second quarter of 2027.

Endocrine disruptors & persistent & bioaccumulative substances – transfer from related EU legislation to CLP Regulation – Delegated Regulation, *in parallel with:*

Chemicals classification & labelling – endocrine disruptors & persistent pollutants – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Regarding substances identified as endocrine disruptors or persistent pollutants under the Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), the Biocidal Products Regulation, and the Plant Protection Products Regulation – add these substances to Regulation 1272/2008 on the Classification, Labelling and Packing of Chemicals (CLP Regulation); and provide further instructions on classifying and labelling these substances or mixtures that contain them.

Timeline: Public consultation until 24 November 2026, adoption of Regulation expected by the end of 2026.

Trade

Trade in agricultural products – exchange of documents via ELAN IT system (wine) – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Expand the list of documents (non-customs formalities) that can be issued, stored, and exchanged in ELAN, via the EU Customs Single Window Certificates Exchange System (EU CSW-CERTEX) (see ELAN: Electronic system for Agricultural Non-customs formalities).

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

Trade in agricultural products – exchange of documents via ELAN IT system (fruit, vegetables, cereals, wine, hops) – Implementing Regulation

Aim: Expand the list of documents (non-customs formalities) that can be issued, stored, and exchanged in ELAN via EU CSW-CERTEX. The list will include certificates of conformity for fruit and vegetables, certificates of exemption for banana traders, VI-1 and VI-2 certificates for wine, and certificates for imports of hops and cereals.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the first quarter of 2027.

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Import tariff quotas – calculation of reference quantities – Delegated Regulation

Aim: Exclude duty-free imports into the EU's outermost regions from the calculation of reference quantities for some tariff rate quotas.

Timeline: Public consultation expected soon, adoption of Regulation expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Several initiatives announced in the **Farm to Fork Strategy** (sustainable food systems, labelling, animal welfare, etc.) were planned but have been delayed (see EU Farm to Fork and Green Deal Initiatives). The current strategy is the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food.

Recommended Actions

Keep track of the "Have your say" timelines listed in this record, which the EU updates on a regular basis. Also monitor the AGRINFO list of Ongoing Consultations, which gives an up-to-date list of live consultations relevant to the agri-food sector.

These consultations are particularly important where rules may affect access to the EU market. Feedback can be more effective if it is accompanied by relevant supporting information and data; when a consultation is highlighted here as upcoming, this is the opportunity to start collecting any information that may be needed.

Resources

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Sources

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