



Welcome to Issue 8 of AGRINFO UPDATE – a regular information service keeping you up-to-date on evolving EU policies, regulations and standards that have potential impacts on agricultural value chains in low- and middle-income countries.

Find links below to our website at www.agrininfo.eu, where we give clear summaries about recent and upcoming changes, and actions that companies or authorities need to take to meet the new rules.

This week saw the publication of three Regulations that may have significant implications for exporters: on **deforestation-free commodities and products**, affecting operators in the cattle, cocoa, coffee, soya and wood value chains; **reducing MRLs for phosmet**, a widely used insecticide, particularly on apples, citrus fruit and peaches; and **increasing official controls** on a range of products from specific origins.

There is an opportunity to comment on new EU public consultations on a potential ban on the export to non-EU countries of pesticides not permitted for use in the EU, and on the EU's major customs reform. Comments can be made to the World Trade Organization on the proposed non-renewal of the pesticide S-metolachlor.

If you need more information, eligible stakeholders can contact us via the [Ask AGRINFO](#) service*.

LATEST

New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Deforestation

New EU rules to reduce deforestation related to production and import into the EU of cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil and soya. Applies from **30 December 2024**

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Official controls

EU increases official controls on certain food and feed from specific non-EU countries. Applies from **27 June 2023**

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Animal health

European Commission updates rules on time limits for meat entering the EU after a disease outbreak; specific guarantees are required for Santa Catarina, Brazil. Applies from **16 May 2023**

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New pesticide MRLs:

- [phosmet](#) MRL reduced on all products from **15 September 2023**
- [folpet](#) MRL increased on lettuces from **19 June 2023**



MRLs removed from 15 June 2023 for:

- [Bacillus amyloliquefaciens strain IT-45](#)
- [Bacillus amyloliquefaciens strain AH2](#)
- [Purpureocillium lilacinum strain PL11](#)

New Regulations or policies under development – EU consultations



EU customs reform – Feedback by 20 July 2023

- European Commission launches major [reform of the EU Customs Union](#)
- EU to remove zero [tariff](#) exemption on low-value e-commerce goods and introduce simplified tariffs
- EU proposes simplified import [VAT](#) arrangements for trade in e-commerce goods



Organic production

Imports of organic products: adaptations of some requirements for control bodies. Feedback by **14 June 2023**

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Pesticides

EU considers prohibiting export of banned chemicals (including pesticides). Feedback by **31 July 2023**

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Changes notified to World Trade Organization

Send feedback via your [National SPS notification authority](#) within the 60-day time limit



Pesticides

EU will not renew approval of the active substance S-metolachlor.
WTO SPS consultation – deadline 30 July 2023

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