



Welcome to Issue 9 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](http://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.

Of particular note in this issue: the European Commission has published a *Frequently Asked Questions* document clarifying its recently published Deforestation Regulation. There is an important opportunity for non-EU countries to provide feedback on a proposal to stop the export of pesticides that are not authorised in the EU, and to comment on a proposal to reduce the MRLs for eight active substances including prochloraz, a fungicide widely used on avocados, papayas, cereals and oilseeds. And the EU has authorised imports of new varieties of genetically modified (GM) maize.

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

## LATEST

### *New Regulations or policies under development*



#### **Deforestation**

New EU rules to reduce deforestation related to production and import into the EU of cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil and soya – FAQs now published

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#### **Trade policy**

Negotiations of new generalised scheme of tariff preferences (GSP) on hold as Parliament and Council disagree

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#### **Pesticides**

Stopping export of EU-banned pesticides: Impact questionnaire for non-EU stakeholders – **deadline 10 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



### Pesticide MRLs

Changes are proposed to the maximum residue levels for:

- [prochloraz](#) (fruit, cultivated fungi, oilseeds, rye, wheat and animal products)
- [\(Z\)-13-hexadecen-11-yn-1-yl acetate](#) (all products)
- [\(Z,Z,Z,Z\)-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate](#) (all products)
- [acrinathrin](#) (fruits, fungi, oilseeds, sugar plants and vegetables)
- [azimsulfuron](#) (animal products – milk, muscle)
- [famoxadone](#) (teas, infusions, fungi, oilseeds, cereals and animal products)
- [methyl nonyl ketone](#) (all products)
- [sodium hypochlorite](#) (all products)

[WTO SPS consultation](#) – deadline 12 August 2023



### Food additives

EU removes stearyl tartrate (E 483) from list of approved food additives. [WTO SPS consultation](#) – deadline 21 August 2023

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## New Regulations coming into force and application dates



### Food safety

Products containing the following have been authorised or re-authorised for export to the EU:

- [GM maize DP4114 × MON89034 × MON87411 × DAS-40278-9](#)
- [GM maize MON 87429](#)
- [GM soybeans MON 87701 × MON 89788, MON 87701 and 40-3-2 \(MON-Ø4Ø32-6\)](#)
- [GM cotton 281-24-236 × 3006-210-23](#)



### Plant health

Adapted measures to prevent the introduction of *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus* (ToBRFV). Applies from **1 September 2023**

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### Feed additives

Vitamin D3 now included on the list of animal products that can be exported from China to the EU. Applies from **13 June 2023**

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