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Welcome to Issue 46 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue reports on the European Commission's proposal to make the EU's economy more competitive by simplifying recently adopted rules on sustainability reporting and due diligence, and the publishing of the Commission's Vision for Agriculture for the coming years. Recently published Regulations include stricter rules on plastic food contact materials; changes to the list of prohibited pests; and the approval of organic dealcoholised wine. The EU has also amended the list of countries that may export certain animal products, changed the frequency of import controls for certain plants, authorised and reauthorised several feed additives, and extended the list of vitamin D sources that can be used in food supplements. We also provide overviews of recent RASFF notifications, and cases of imports not complying with EU law.

AGRINFO provides 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.agrinfo.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. If you need more information, eligible stakeholders can contact us via the Ask AGRINFO service*.

LATEST

New Regulations or policies under development



Sustainability/Due diligence

European Commission launches review of:

- Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive
- Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive



Common Agricultural Policy

European Commission sets out its Vision for Agriculture and Food for 2025–2029

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Common Fisheries Policy

EU and Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement – allocation of fishing opportunities

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New Regulations coming into force and application dates



Food safety controls

European Commission updates the list of countries that can export animal products to EU. Affected countries: Armenia, Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia. Applies from **16 March 2025**

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Plant health controls

EU updates frequency rates of import controls for certain plants. Applies from **1 March 2025**

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Packaging

EU strengthens rules on the purity of plastic food contact materials. Applies from **16 March 2025**

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Priority pests

EU removes snout moth (*Leucinodes pseudorbonalis*) as prohibited pest. Applies from **16 March 2025**

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Organic production

EU approves production of organic de-alcoholised wine. Applies from **18** March **2025**

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Labelling/Health claims

EU rejects Appethyl® body weight reduction claim. Applies from **13 March 2025**

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Food supplements

EU lists calcidiol monohydrate as vitamin D source allowed in food supplements. Applies from **16 March 2025**

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Feed additives

EU authorises and reauthorises certain feed additives

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Tariffs & quotas

EU lowers husked rice import tariff to €30/tonne. Applies from **7 March 2025**

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Reports



Official controls

43 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in February 2025

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Food safety controls

Latest EU overview of food found not to comply with EU law

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