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Welcome to Issue 47 of AGRINFO UPDATE. This issue reports on the European Commission's proposal to set maximum levels for inorganic arsenic in fish and seafood. The Commission also proposes to authorise the use of a new source of folic acid, and has published its decisions on certain health claims applications. New Regulations coming into force include the extension of temporary measures on citrus fruits from certain countries, and clarification of the reference methods used for detecting *Trichinella* in pork. The maximum residue levels for difenoconazole were increased on rye and wheat in 2024 but are included in this latest issue following certain clarifications.

We also provide the latest overview of recent food imports found not to comply with EU law and an overview of the planned opportunities to provide feedback on EU policies and regulations under development.

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## LATEST

### *New Regulations or policies under development*



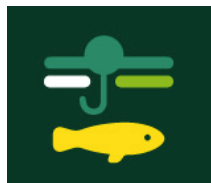
#### **Planned consultations: Future opportunities for feedback**

Overview of EU policies and regulations under development where non-EU countries will have the opportunity to provide feedback in 2025

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### *Changes notified to World Trade Organization*

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



#### **Contaminants**

EU proposes maximum levels of inorganic arsenic in fish and seafood.  
Feedback by **6 May**

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### Health claims

EU proposes to:

- refuse health claim for [citicoline](#) in support of memory function – Feedback by **4 May**
- refuse health claim for consumption of [Joselito® ham](#) and reduction of blood LDL-cholesterol – Feedback by **12 May**
- approve [green kiwifruit Hayward](#) health claim for bowel function – Feedback by **12 May**



### Food supplements/dietetic foods

European Commission proposes to allow monosodium salt of L-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid (5-MTHF) in certain foods. Feedback by **4 May**

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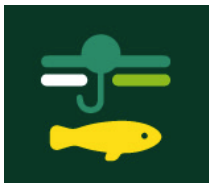
## New Regulations coming into force and application dates



### Priority pests

EU extends temporary measures on citrus from **Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe** to avoid introduction of citrus black spot. Applies from **1 April**

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### Fisheries controls

EU introduces new template for fishery products transiting through countries other than flag States. Applies from **10 January 2026**

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### Food safety controls

The EU clarifies reference method for detecting *Trichinella* in pork and authorises new equivalent method (lumiVAST *Trichinella*). Applies from **9 April**

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### Pesticide MRLs

EU raises MRL for difenoconazole on rye and wheat. Applies from **28 October 2024**

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## Reports



### Official controls

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

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